

Confident Shultz reports to Reagan

By WOLF BLITZER
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WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State George Shultz yesterday reported to President Ronald Reagan on his just-concluded visit to the Middle East. He later expressed confidence that the Israeli-Lebanese agreement would be ratified and implemented.

"I feel confident that in the end that will happen," Shultz told reporters at a White House briefing following his meeting with the president.

The secretary insisted that Syria, despite its recent sharp statements attacking the agreement, had not flatly ruled out a withdrawal from Lebanon.

He said the next important step is for the Lebanese parliament to ratify the agreement and then to formally ask for a Syrian withdrawal. Shultz said he has "no doubt" that Lebanon would do exactly that in the coming days.

It is also crucial, he said, for the "weight of opinion in the Arab world" to come to bear on Syria.

Shultz said he was very impressed with his conversations with Syrian President Hafez Assad and Foreign Minister Abdel Haddad. He said they are both "very independent people," who would not take orders from other countries — a reference to the Soviet Union.

Regarding Soviet posturing in the region, Shultz said he does not

know what Soviet intentions are, although he said the U.S. would take the Soviet's explanations for the early withdrawal of diplomatic dependents in Beirut at face value.

Shultz said the PLO is violating last year's Beirut evacuation agreement by reintroducing forces into Lebanon. This is "an unwelcome development," he said, adding, "we want them to be moving out, and not in."

Shultz acknowledged that there are various U.S. "side-letters" in the Israel-Lebanon agreement, but he denied there were any secret accords which would obligate the U.S. to specific actions.

He also refused to say whether the U.S. would lift the embargo on the delivery of F-16 warplanes to Israel, saying that Reagan is still reviewing the matter. "He will decide," Shultz said.

Shultz said he hopes to stay in the U.S. "for a while." He said special envoy Philip Habib will take the lead in continuing U.S. mediatory efforts, especially in trying to win Syrian cooperation with the agreements. "They (the Syrians) like him," Shultz said, referring to Habib. "They respect him."

Shultz said the Syrians have several legitimate concerns which must be resolved, including the matter of the proposed security zone in Southern Lebanon. But the secretary repeated his conviction that these matters could be ironed out in the near future.

Lebanese foreign minister will visit Damascus today

Jerusalem Post Staff

Lebanese Foreign Minister Eli Salem will leave for Damascus this morning for talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad. This was decided in a phone conversation between Assad and Lebanese President Amin Gemayel last night, according to Beirut radio.

The conversation took place at the end of a Lebanese cabinet meeting. It was the first official contact between Syria and Lebanon

since the Israel-Lebanon accord worked out with U.S. mediation last week.

The radio also said that the Lebanese parliament would only ratify the agreement after the clarifications demanded by both sides. According to the radio, there were some 15 clauses of the draft agreement about which the sides wanted clarifications, and the final version had not yet been drafted.

Beirut radio said last night that according to unconfirmed reports, Israel and Lebanon may sign their agreement tomorrow in Netanya, following a meeting of the delegations to the negotiations.

Other reports said that the signing would only take place next week after the questions relating to the position on Major Sa'ad Haddad, as well as some other outstanding issues, are clarified.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir conferred yesterday in Jerusalem with U.S. mediators Philip Habib and Morris Draper.

In Jerusalem there is still hope that, if the Lebanese response is satisfactory, the agreement could be initiated by the end of this week.



Eli Salem

Saudis refuse to pressure Syrians on withdrawal

PARIS (Reuters). — Saudi Defence Minister Prince Sultan said yesterday his country would not exert pressure on Syria to accept the U.S.-negotiated plan for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon.

"Saudi Arabia is not a tool in the hands of any big or small power for exerting pressure on an Arab nation," Prince Sultan told reporters after a meeting with French President Francois Mitterrand.

He was answering questions on speculation that the U.S. was urging Saudi Arabia to use its position as a source of finance for Syria to encourage Damascus to pull its troops out of Lebanon.

Syrian opposition has held up the Israeli-Lebanese plan for withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon, negotiated by Secretary of State George Shultz.

Shultz said in Paris on Tuesday that there was a wave of support in the Arab world, including in Iraq and Saudi Arabia, for the plan.

Prince Sultan, on a six-day visit to France, is due to meet U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger in Paris today, but he declined to say what they would be discussing.

Prince Sultan said Syria "considers the Lebanese question as a Syrian question, above all other considerations."



Jewish Agency aliyah department head Rafael Kotlowitz hugs two immigrants from Ethiopia yesterday at a Jerusalem Day assembly for new olim at the Hebrew University amphitheatre on Mt. Scopus. The sign says they are from the Absorption Centre at Afeka. (Zoom 77)

Shamir: Pact is no 'peace treaty'

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said yesterday that the Israel-Lebanon draft agreement is "not yet a peace treaty." But, he said in a government statement to the Knesset, the system of binational relations and defence arrangements it established was the most reasonable that could be reached under present conditions.

Alignment leader Shimon Peres, on the other hand, denounced the agreement for giving Syria the last word — and for an indefinite period. He suggested that Israel inform the U.S. and Lebanon that if by a specified date — say June 6, the first anniversary of the war — Syria fails to announce its readiness to withdraw from Lebanon, there

will no longer be any point in IDF forces remaining in Lebanon, except in the 40-50 kilometre zone contiguous to Israel's northern border.

The foreign minister, reviewing the main points in the draft agreement, noted the reciprocal obligation to respect the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and political independence of the other party, as well as the undertaking to refrain from hostile propaganda against the other side.

Under the prevailing circumstances, however, the most important provision of all is the one in which each party pledges that its territory will not be used for terrorist activity against the other. Shamir said.

withdrawal of Israeli forces to the international border is contingent not only on the withdrawal of the terrorists and the Syrians from all Lebanese territory but also on the return of all prisoners and of the remains of the dead now in Syrian or PLO hands.

If these conditions are not met, Shamir said, the agreement will be regarded as suspended and Israel will be free to act as it sees fit. But, he said, if matters develop positively, the agreement will inaugurate a new era of "free and complete" coexistence, and relations of good-neighbourliness and mutual security.

While the agreement expresses the identity of the goals and interests of Israel, Syria, and the U.S., (continued on back page)

Druse-Christian strife linked to Shultz visit

YARZE, Lebanon. — Tat-Aluf Amnon Lifkin, Israel Defence Forces commander in the Shouf Mountains, where Druse and Christian militiamen battled fiercely last weekend, said yesterday he believes the sectarian flare-up was a direct result of U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz's Middle East peace shuttle.

Lifkin told a news conference here that news of an imminent agreement for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon sparked the latest round of Druse-Christian fighting, in which at least 37 persons were killed and 126 wounded.

Lifkin attributed the fighting in the Shouf Mountains, which had been relatively calm since an Israeli-mediated cease-fire in early February, to two chief motives: "An

attempt to jeopardize" the Lebanon-Israel agreement for a withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon; and attempts by Druse and Christian militiamen to stake out territory in the rugged mountain range in preparation for an eventual Israeli pullout.

Artillery and rocket duels in the mountains tapered off Monday to small arms sniper fire, and by yesterday Lebanese radio stations reported that a "tense calm" appeared to be holding. At the height of the fighting, Christian neighbourhoods of East Beirut were bombarded, in the capital's worst spell of violence since last summer's war.

The southern part of the mountains where the fighting took place is occupied by the IDF, while the Syrians hold the northern part.

Lifkin said the IDF has tried hard to halt the sectarian fighting in areas under its control, and at one point confiscated a cannon. He said he expects Druse and Christian leaders to meet "very, very soon" to finalize a truce.

Western diplomats, who declined to be named, said most of the gun positions firing on East Beirut that they had been able to pinpoint were in Syrian-controlled areas.

Lifkin also said that the situation is tense in Lebanon's strategic Bekaa Valley, where heavily-armed Israeli and Syrian forces confront each other. But he noted that this has not spilled over into fighting.

The IDF spokesman yesterday confirmed a report by the Palestinian news agency, Wafa, that an Israeli soldier was wounded Tuesday. (Continued on back page)

21 more Soviets leave Beirut for Moscow

BEIRUT. — A second group of families of Soviet diplomats left here yesterday, but Soviet officials again denied that the evacuation had any connection to the security situation in the city.

An official at Beirut International Airport said 21 women and children boarded the regular weekly Aeroflot flight. He said the flight left four hours earlier than the scheduled 1 p.m. departure time. No explanation was given for the change.

The first group of Soviet Embassy dependents left Beirut on Monday, causing a spate of reports that the

embassy was being evacuated because of last week's shelling. Hundreds of shells fell on the Christian east side of the city during fighting between Christian and Druse militias in the hills overlooking the capital.

Soviet Ambassador Alexander Solodanov denied on Tuesday that the evacuation was connected to a possible deterioration in the security situation. He said the children of embassy personnel were going home to summer camp.

A source close to the Soviet community here agreed that that was the primary reason, but added that "it is

also a question of their security. Nobody can guarantee there will be no shelling in Beirut this summer."

He added that no one else in the embassy was leaving.

Meanwhile, Syria kept up a barrage of criticism of Israel and the U.S. yesterday. State-run Damascus Radio said the U.S. must take all responsibility for the consequences of "any Israeli aggression." The government newspaper *Tishrin* repeated Syria's view that a draft accord on the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon posed a grave threat to peace in the region. (AP, Reuters)

Aridor ends war impost on salaries

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Finance Minister Yoram Aridor yesterday announced that the Peace for Galilee compulsory loan, deducted from earnings since last summer, will not be renewed. The last payment was made from April's salaries.

The minister also announced that the 2 per cent tax imposed on over-subscription of share issues will be abolished.

Appearing yesterday on Israel Television's Moked programme, Aridor denied that he intends to quit his post, and stressed that he enjoys the full support of the government and the prime minister.

He blamed the current world recession for Israel's difficult economic situation. Speaking about the stock market, Aridor said: "As finance minister I am forbidden to buy shares, but I have been in a position to do so, I would."

Aridor added that he supports the stock market as an instrument of economic policy and that his policy will be to continue to encourage the issue of shares by companies look-

ing for capital.

In this context, he announced that he will soon request that the Knesset Finance Committee abolish the 2 per cent tax on the difference between the value of a bid for new shares and the amount purchased.

In addition, the minister said that he opposes a rising tax burden. In this framework, he announced that, despite contrary rumours, the compulsory loan imposed on wages and company earnings to finance the war in Lebanon will not be renewed.

Answering criticism of his policies, Aridor said that an increase in the rate of devaluation would only lead to higher inflation.

Taking issue with Hebrew University professor Michael Bruno, who criticized his policies and called for accelerated devaluation and an accord with the Histadrut for a partial linkage of wages to inflation, Aridor said that such advice was only theoretical, but that the Histadrut would not agree to such a step.

A smiling Aridor said that, compared with other finance ministers in Israel's history, he is "popular."

Chairman quits committee on West Bank vigilantism

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Deputy attorney-general Yehuda Karp has resigned his position as chairman of a Justice Ministry committee investigating anti-Arab vigilantism by Jewish settlers in the West Bank.

Karp was unavailable for comment last night, but according to authoritative sources, she gave up the job because no action had been taken for the past year on recommendations made by her committee.

According to some reports, Karp resigned because a report prepared by her committee was "shelved" by Justice Minister Moshe Nissim.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that the committee report roundly condemned vigilantism, intervention by politicians on behalf of arrested suspects, and the

dependence of the police on the military government in the territories. (See story — page 5.)

Justice Ministry spokesman Yitzhak Feinberg denied last night that the report was shelved. He cited a meeting two months ago in which Nissim, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, Police Inspector-General Arye Ivztan, and Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir discussed vigilantism.

Ivztan's spokesman Moshe Tzur has denied that a report even exists at all, saying that the committee only held discussions and prepared internal documents. Tzur, too, refused to comment on details of the committee's work.

Among the documents prepared by the committee was a list of incidents in which nobody has been arrested — or charged — involving identified Jewish settlers acting against West Bank Arabs.

No trace of poison found on West Bank, says WHO

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The team of investigators sent here last month by the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva to look into the West Bank "poisonings" announced yesterday that it was "unable to find any indication of a specific organic cause" for the complaints of abdominal pain, dizziness and nausea which sent hundreds of schoolgirls to hospital.

The report, prepared by an Australian epidemiologist and an Italian toxicologist who spent several weeks here conducting tests and interviews, was presented yesterday at the WHO's 36th annual conference in Geneva.

The WHO findings concur with the reports of the Israeli Health Ministry and of an independent team of investigators from the Centre for Disease Control in Atlanta, which were published last month. Both of these extensive in-

vestigations concluded that there was no evidence of environmental toxins and that the "epidemic" was induced by anxiety.

The "poisonings" form part of a virulent anti-Israeli resolution to be introduced at the Geneva conference today by a broad coalition of Arab, Communist bloc and Third World nations.

The resolution condemns Israel for a variety of political "transgressions," including the war in Lebanon, its "continuous aggressive policy" against Arab refugees and its diversion of Arab water sources.

Health Ministry Director-General Prof. Baruch Modan, who flew to Geneva yesterday, will tell the conference today that such a resolution "is political, not medical" and that wasting time on such "offensive and degrading" allegations is a "threat to the real work" of the World Health Organization.

Narrow win for South African ruling party in crucial polls

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — The ruling National Party won two of three special parliamentary by-elections, but fell short of a clear mandate from white voters for sharing power with the Indian and coloured (mixed-race) minorities.

Conservative Party leader Andries Treurnicht dealt this ruling party its first defeat from the right-wing since the Nationalists took power in 1948.

The National Party won two

other parliamentary races, one comfortably and the other by a drastically reduced majority, according to returns from Tuesday's voting.

Campaigning focused on Prime Minister P.W. Botha's plan to create new chambers of parliament for Indians and coloureds. The plan excludes the black majority, but far-right opponents bitterly opposed any concession of white power to other races.

"The government will have to make a thorough study of this," Botha said after the results were disclosed. He had already pledged to hold a "nationwide referendum among white voters on the reform proposals before adopting them."

Treurnicht, who bolted from the National Party to form the Conservatives last year, easily kept his seat in Waterberg, in rural Transvaal province, with a 5,706-3,812 victory over Nationalist opponent Eben

Cuyler.

National Party Manpower Minister Fanie Botha, a senior cabinet minister, fought off a far-right challenge by Conservative Tom Langley in the Soutpansberg district near the Zimbabwe border. But Botha's margin of victory was whittled to 621 votes — 6,100 to 5,479 — compared to a 3,500 vote majority in the 1981 election. The close vote delayed the result for 17 hours.

The National Party easily defeated the anti-apartheid Progressive Federal Party and the Conservatives in Waterkloof near Pretoria.

The National Party earned a net gain of one seat, rising to 115 in the 166-member parliament, while the Conservatives dropped from 18 to 17. The Progressives have 26 and the centrist New Republic Party 8.

The three elections resulted from a feud in parliament between Fanie Botha and Treurnicht in February.

Tour guides say they are being misled, threaten to block Catholic tours

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Faced by growing unemployment, Israel's tour guides are threatening to stop groups led by Roman Catholic priests.

The move is part of a continuing three-sided struggle between the church, the guides and the government. The church has been asserting the principle that spiritual leaders should have the right to lead groups of pilgrims, while the guides have been fighting what they say means a threat to their livelihood. The current situation follows

what had appeared to be a compromise in February, when over 100 government-licensed guides took a special course at Jerusalem's Notre Dame Centre to guide Catholic groups.

But the guides have since reported no improvement in the situation. Groups from abroad still opt to tour the country with only their parish priest, and sometimes only a lay leader from abroad, to guide them, even at such sites as Masada and Yad Vashem, they say. This contradicts a compromise two years ago between the church

and the government, according to which Catholic pilgrims would be "guided by tour leaders and priests in churches and holy sites in the country where religious and spiritual guidance is the primary object of the visit."

However, the compromise created a situation in which Catholic travel agencies viewed every visit by a Catholic group as spiritual, and thus exempt from the law which requires organized groups of tourists to engage a local guide. The situation became especially critical for the guides as a

result of the overall slump in tourism to Israel last year.

The situation was exacerbated recently when the tourism officer of the civil administration for Judea and Samaria told the church that Jordanian law obliges them to take local guides for all groups, pilgrims as well as tourists. An exemption could only be made if they sent a letter indicating that they recognize Israeli law as applicable. This they were unwilling to do, for political

reasons.

At the same time, church officials asserted, bus companies had been "intimidated" by the authorities into refusing their services to groups without licensed guides. In answer to this, the church stopped cooperating with the guides and cancelled further courses which were to have taken place this month.

Church representatives will meet with officials of the ministries of tourism, foreign affairs and religious affairs on Friday. The guides, who (Continued on back page)



LUCKY THIRTEENTH. Ramat Eshkol celebrated its 'bar mitzva' this week. Some of the people who have lived in the first of Jerusalem's 'new neighbourhoods' since the start talk about how it has developed with Judy Siegel-Itzkovich.

AND MORE. Charles Hoffman gets a lesson in Liberal politics from Yitzhak Moda'i. Joan Borsten learns of an imminent revival of Czech film-making. Carole Hemmings visits Major Sa'ad Haddad in South Lebanon. Martha Pomerantz gets a different look at the Holocaust in Haifa. Haim Shapiro visits a place where any tourist would love to be trapped. Abba Eban, Hersh Goodman, Wolf Blitzer and Asher Wallfish comment on the events in the news. Martha Melsels goes to the fair. Dan Feinaru sees Richard Attenborough's Oscar-sweeping opus. And the Friday Dry Bones.

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Copenhagen	12-14	14-15	57
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THE WEATHER

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Safed	20	15-26	26
Haifa Port	20	15-26	26
Tiberias	20	15-26	26
Nazareth	20	15-26	26
Afula	20	15-26	26
Sharon	20	15-26	26
Tel Aviv	20	15-26	26
B-G Airport	20	15-26	26
Jericho	19	18-37	27
Gaza	19	18-37	27
Beerseba	18	17-34	28
Eilat	25	22-34	33

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday dedicated a computer system donated by the Elbit company at the Mustrara Youth Centre. The computer will be available to local youths for their homework, as well as providing entertainment in the form of computer games and the solution of problems.

The Rudolf and Rhoda Boyko Institute for Agriculture and Applied Biology was dedicated yesterday as part of the 25th anniversary of Ben-Gurion University in the Negev's Institutes of Applied Research. Peter Robinson's sculpture "Mother of All Life," was unveiled at a later ceremony. In the evening, the Avraham Baron Art Gallery was dedicated at the BGU library, in the presence of the Canadian Ambassador, Vernon Turner.

A new WIZO Youth Club, named for the late Eva and Max Fischer, and sponsored by the Belgian WIZO Federation, was dedicated yesterday in Netanya, in the presence of members of the Fischer family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Zucker, Mrs. Raya Jaglom, World WIZO President, Mayor Reuven Kligler of Netanya, Mr. Walter Lion, of the Belgian Embassy, Mrs. Michal Modai, Chairman WIZO Israel, Mrs. Fanny Hollander, President of WIZO Belgium, Mrs. Esther Penn, head of WIZO's Youth Clubs department, and members of WIZO.

Arens predicts cities, universities in W. Bank

Kfar Etzion (Iim). — Defence Minister Moshe Arens said yesterday that in another 30 years there would be thousands of Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria, and these would include cities and universities.

Arens was speaking at a memorial ceremony for the fighters who fell defending the Gush Etzion settlements in the War of Independence. He said the area was a symbol, "more than any other," of the decision to continue settling the territories "with hundreds and thousands of settlements and hundreds of thousands of Jews."

No sign of release for Shcharansky, say MPs

Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON. — The Soviet Union is showing no signs of releasing Anatoly Shcharansky, according to two British MPs who visited the Soviet Embassy here on Tuesday to discuss his case.

Sir Hugh Fraser, who went to the embassy with Vivian Benn, said he was "very disappointed and pessimistic" at the outcome of the meeting with a senior embassy official.

When it became clear that an early release is out of the question, Fraser and Benn urged that Shcharansky not be denied such basic rights as being able to receive letters from his wife and mother. Even on this, the MPs received no assurances.

TA to outlaw change of flats into offices

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — It will be illegal to open offices in flats in the area bordered by Rothschild Boulevard, Yehuda Halevi, Marmorek and Nahmani streets, here, a municipal sub-committee headed by Yitzhak Caspi decided yesterday. The move is part of the campaign waged by Mayor Shlomo Lahat to maintain the old quarters of Tel Aviv residential areas.

HOME NEWS

MK charges deceit in Med-Dead report

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

MK Imri Ron (Alignment-Mapam) charged yesterday that vital facts about the Mediterranean-Dead Sea canal project had been withheld from the cabinet and Knesset. In a letter to Avraham Katz-Oz, chairman of the Knesset State Control Committee, Ron charged that the project could cause serious damage to the Dead Sea and result in losses amounting to millions of dollars.

Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, the main sponsor of the canal, called Ron a "brazen liar" and charged him with "impudence." The minister issued a sharply worded statement, saying that Ron was spreading his "vicious lies" because of "political opposition" to the canal passing through the Gaza strip.

'Monitin' poll: Likud to win unless Navon heads Labour

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Had elections been held in mid-April, the Likud would have defeated Labour under its present leadership and returned to the Knesset stronger than it is now. This is the main finding of an opinion poll conducted for *Monitin* monthly magazine by Dr. Mina Zemach of Dahaf.

A representative sample of 1,078 persons was interviewed between April 10 and 14. The poll was eagerly awaited by political circles to see whether it would corroborate the Pori poll in *Ha'aretz* last Friday.

But the *Monitin* poll directly contradicts the findings of the *Ha'aretz* poll, which, for the first time since 1981 predicted a possible Labour victory.

Had elections been held in mid-April, according to Pori, the Likud would have emerged with only 37.3 per cent of the total vote, as against 41.4 per cent for the Labour Alignment. This poll caused quite a stir in political circles.

The *Monitin* poll finds that the Likud would have been returned to power with 55 Knesset seats (it won 48 Knesset seats in 1981), while Labour would go down to 44 Knesset seats (it won 47 at the last election).

Monitin also asked its interviewees how Labour would do under different leadership. With former president Yitzhak Navon at

the helm, Labour would have won 53 Knesset seats as against 49 for the Likud, according to the poll.

If the Labour list had been headed by former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, Labour's position would also have been improved, though it would not be victorious: the party would have won 49 Knesset seats, with the Likud winning with 51 seats.

The pollsters also tried to evaluate the popularity of potential contenders for the premiership, with Begin not in the running. Navon led the list, though he declined from 39 per cent in February to 33 per cent in April. Next came Rabin, at a stable 15 per cent, Ariel Sharon at 10 per cent, Shimon Peres with 7 per cent, and Yitzhak Shamir with six per cent.

Defence Minister Moshe Arens was mentioned in this category for the first time by 6 per cent of the respondents. Arens is very popular as defence minister, with a 65 per cent approval rating, as against only 13 per cent who disapprove of his performance. He now has the same popularity as Sharon did in his heyday at the outset of the Lebanon war.

Belief in the way the government is dealing with the country's problems is also declining according to *Monitin*. In April the government received an approval rating from 56 per cent of those polled.

Last December the government had the approval of 64 per cent.

Capital's police net 16 in drugs swoop

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Of the more than 50 suspected drug dealers the Jerusalem police planned to arrest during the last 24 hours, they managed to find only 16. Nine of those held were remanded into custody or charged.

Two of those arrested were minors and were released, while two women were also released after being brought to the Russian Compound in the early hours of yesterday morning.

The operation, called *Namer* (Tiger), was the fourth during the last year in which the police have relied on undercover agents in order to make large-scale arrests of Jerusalem drug dealers.

According to a police source, drug possession and selling charges will be made against those remanded, if the Attorney General's Office decides there is sufficient evidence.



A handcuffed suspect, accompanied by his girlfriend, is led away from court yesterday after being remanded on drug dealing charges. (Rahamin Israeli)

Doctors, gov't meet today, but little progress expected

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Talks between the Treasury and the striking doctors are scheduled to resume today after a week-long break, but no substantive results are expected. Both sides will apparently hold fire until next Sunday's cabinet session, when Finance Minister Yoram Aridor and Health Minister Eliezer Shostak are to present their proposals for ending the 72-day strike.

Shostak is putting together a comprehensive proposal which would double the doctors' basic monthly wage this year, and spread the rest of the wage rise, covering extra-duty shifts, over a period of several years.

The Treasury suggested a similar plan at last Thursday's talks, but the Israel Medical Association, while agreeing in principle to the idea, said that the projected period of five to six years was unacceptable. The doctors were willing to consider spreading the rise over two-to-three years at the most, warning that they would not accept any sort of open-ended package which would lead to a situation like that faced by the teachers over non-implementation of the Etzioni Commission's recommendations.

The medical committees which determine the degree of disability of those injured during military service are to resume functioning on Sunday, the chairman of the Israel Defence Forces Disabled Veterans

Association announced yesterday.

The committees, which are made up of two or three civilian doctors, will receive a fee of IS\$80 for each case they examine. The fee is to be paid by the veterans association, chairman Ya'acov Maoz said yesterday.

The committees will meet someplace other than their regular locations in the Defence Ministry, most likely in the alternative medical centres set up by the striking doctors. The committees stopped working several days after the strike started, and a backlog of 2,300 files, 230 relating to injuries sustained in the Lebanon war, must be reviewed, it was learned.

The Health Ministry yesterday warned that doctors staffing the emergency rooms of public hospitals must examine each and every patient who applies for treatment, and that failure to do so constitutes a legal offence.

A team of ministry inspectors yesterday found that patients at several emergency rooms were being sent to alternative medical centres, where they pay IS\$600 for a referral back to the emergency room. This procedure is in direct violation of public health regulations.

The inspectors were dispatched by Shostak after a group of Kupat Holim Clalit workers, with whom he met on Tuesday, charged that doctors were refusing to examine emergency room patients who had not paid first.

Taxes not collected from foreign airlines

Post Economic Reporter

Income tax commissioner Dov Neiger revealed yesterday that, as a result of political and legal considerations, the income tax authorities refrain from collecting millions of shekels owed to them annually by foreign airlines.

Appearing at the Knesset State Control Committee, Neiger said that, despite a 1975 decision to collect employer taxes from the airlines, the income tax division of the

Treasury has not collected them.

The companies, he said, had refused to pay the employers tax, since in their opinion international treaties between Israel and their countries exempt them from the payment.

The commissioner added that, according to a legal opinion received by the income tax division, the treaties do not exempt the airlines from tax payment.

Teachers will decide today on government's 'final offer'

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The joint committee of the Histadrut Teachers Union and the Secondary School Teachers Association will meet today to decide whether to start negotiations with the government on implementing the recommendations of the Etzioni report on teachers' pay and conditions.

The finance and education ministries made proposals for implementing the recommendations at a meeting with teachers on Tuesday. Shlomo Allon of the Secondary School Teachers Association said in response: "There are many things that are not clear and some of our members have reservations. But I can say we will not reject the offer out of hand."

A government spokesman said the proposal — which involves spending IS\$16 billion to implement most of the Etzioni recommendations within five years — is the government's final offer. Pinhas

Hagin of the Histadrut Teachers Union called the proposal "something we can talk about."

The recommendations call for higher teachers' salaries, small classes and improvements in working conditions.

The government's offer to it teachers includes:

- Incentives for improved teaching and in-service training, totalling IS\$7.5 billion;
- Incentives for teachers carrying out special tasks or for those who choose to teach in disadvantaged areas, to cost IS\$6 billion;
- Improved conditions and equipment in schools, totalling IS\$730m;
- Across-the-board salary increases, totalling IS\$4.4b; and
- Replacing old or dangerous school buildings and classrooms, to cost IS\$4b.

The Education Ministry urged the teachers to fulfill the provision of the Etzioni report which call on them to assume extra duties and responsibilities.

Reagan agrees to \$100m. increase in arms for Israel

WASHINGTON (AP). — The Reagan administration has agreed to increase arms grants to Israel by \$100 million over the current year.

The House of Representatives voted 18-5 to reject a move that would have returned arms grants to Israel for next year to the level requested by the administration — \$550m.

Alvin Drischler, deputy assistant secretary of state, told the committee that the administration preferred the amount requested by President Ronald Reagan in his overall budget for the next fiscal year, but that it could accept the higher figures.

"Our position is that we support the president's budget," said Drischler. "We understand the actions that the subcommittee has taken and for that reason we don't

oppose the subcommittee position."

Republican representative Joe Pritchard of Washington said he sponsored the amendment because he didn't think Congress should undermine delicate negotiations for Middle East peace.

Pritchard said Israel's acceptance of the Lebanon withdrawal agreement was a "fine response" and "good for peace in the world."

Democratic representative Le Hamilton of Indiana, chairman of the Middle East subcommittee, said the administration's proposal was a decrease from the current year's \$750m. approved by Congress last December.

Hamilton said the increase was needed to maintain Israel's "technical superiority" over the Arabs and because of the poor performance of the Israeli economy last year.

Sharon: Danger of Marine-PLO clashes

NEW YORK (JTA). — Former defence minister Ariel Sharon said in an interview published yesterday that with the deteriorating security situation in Beirut, which includes a re-infiltration of Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) terrorists into the capital, the U.S. Marines in the Multinational Force could soon find themselves in direct confrontation with the PLO.

"Americans will have to fight their way out of Beirut," Sharon said in a three-hour conversation on Tuesday with the editor of the *Wall Street Journal*. According to the *Journal*, Sharon said that, to avoid a confrontation with the PLO, the

Americans have only days to decide whether they will take the initiative with the Lebanese Army and other members of the Multinational Force to occupy military positions surrounding the city and portions of the Shouf Mountains, east of Beirut.

According to the newspaper, Sharon said that unless such action is taken quickly, the likely result will be a *de facto* partition of Lebanon into strongholds for Syrian forces and PLO groups. Sharon said he has told Lebanese President Amin Jemayel that "the end will be that you will be president of the palace."

5 get jail for refusal to serve in Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Five reserve soldiers, including a Druse from Daliat-al-Carmel, were court-martialled this week and sentenced to military prison for refusing to serve in the army in Lebanon. According to the *Yesh Gvul* (there's a limit) movement, this brings the number sentenced so far for refusing to serve in Lebanon to 49.

Aberdeen beats Real

Post Sports Staff

In their first-ever European cupwinners' final appearance, Aberdeen last night captured the European Cupwinners Cup with a thrilling 2-1 extra-time victory over Spain's Real Madrid in Gothenburg, Sweden.

IDF to remove mines from south Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Israel Defence Forces will this week clear mines planted by the Jordanians during the Six-Day War period in southern Jerusalem west of Gilo.

The municipality, which has long been urging the mine-clearing operation, has had the area fenced off and has placed warning signs, but still feels the mines pose a danger to the public.

The IDF will try to remove the devices without exploding them, but because of their age, some of the mines may have to be set off, and local residents should not be alarmed by the noise.

The Jordanians apparently did not make detailed maps to show where the devices are located.

Six suspects held in murder of Negev man in Gaza

GAZA (Iim). — Security forces here are holding six suspects in Tuesday's murder of Menahem Dadon, of Beit Hagadi in the northern Negev who was shot in the head at close range by an unknown assailant as he shopped in the marketplace.

Dadon, who was 24, has not yet been buried, due to a court appeal by his family against a police request to perform an autopsy. Yesterday, the Ashkelon Magistrates Court granted the family's attorney 24 hours to make the appeal.

The police wish to extract the fatal bullet from Dadon's skull, in order to determine by ballistic tests whether it was fired from the pistol used to kill Shlomo Abergil of Netivot in the Gaza market about two months ago.

The family objects to the autopsy on religious grounds, asserting that this is only required to establish the cause of death, not to determine the type of weapon. The family said it

would appeal the magistrates court decision all the way to the High Court of Justice, if it rules in favour of an autopsy today.

Police are reportedly interested in establishing whether there are any links between Dadon's murder and a series of PLO-directed killings in the Gaza Strip several years ago. At that time, a terrorist assassin was sent via Lebanon to murder several local leaders suspected of collaborating with the Israeli administration.

After the first terrorist was killed by the security forces, the PLO sent in a replacement, who continued with his mission and killed several Israelis, until he too was killed by security forces.

Despite the outrage felt in Netivot and other Israeli settlements in the Gaza Strip since Dadon's murder, many Israeli cars were observed being serviced in Gaza garages and many Israelis shoppers were seen in the local market yesterday.

Israel Shipyards firing 100 workers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Israel Shipyards management yesterday informed the labour council of its intention to dismiss 100 of its 900 workers.

The yard stated that a shipbuilding order from the defence ministry had been put off indefinitely, creating redundancies.

Modern Living Fair opening in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV. — The Modern Living Fair opens at the Israel Trade Fairs Centre here today, and is to remain open until June 4. About 360 exhibitors are participating, compared to about 250 last year.

The entrance fee is IS\$180 for adults, and IS\$140 for children and soldiers. (See Page 6).

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Cables torn down in raid on TV 'pirates'

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Ministry of Communications "search and destroy" teams ripped out thousands of metres of cable television lines yesterday as part of the continuing crackdown against "pirate" operators.

One team removed more than four kilometres of cable from the roofs of buildings in the Yisraeliya and Neve Sha'anun quarters, and a similar amount was confiscated in Kiryat Sprinkak.

Haifa Magistrate's Court yesterday issued an order forbidding the ministry from uprooting cable TV lines in Yisraeliya and Kiryat Sprinkak. This is pending further hearings.

in an application by a cable TV operator to permit its screenings.

The ministry's chief security officer for Haifa and the north stressed that the teams were not involved in an act of sabotage. The aim was to render the "illegal" cable TV networks inoperative, he said.

"We have found that raiding the operators and confiscating their equipment is not enough because they simply replace it and are soon back in business. By removing the main cables and the power booster packs, we make it much more difficult for operators to start up again," he said.

The official, who did not want to be named, said several customers

were happy to see the cables taken down, while others complained and worried about what would happen to the money they had paid.

"Some people told us that they couldn't leave their homes any more, because their children waited for them to go out and then switched on the television to watch the pornographic films that are usually screened late at night. Others complained that the cable lines interfered with normal TV reception," he said.

Most people, however, are on the side of the pirates and staunchly against the law which makes cable television illegal. "There is never anything good on Israel Television and we can't get Jordan, whereas

the cable TV always had programmes, for children and adults," said one resident.

In raids on Tuesday night, ministry officials equipped with search warrants uncovered a pirate station in an apartment in Rehov Klebanoff, in Neve Sha'anun and confiscated video equipment, a television set and video tapes. They estimated that the station was serving about 2,000 customers.

On the same night, officials raided the home of an operator in Kiryat Eliezer and took away tapes and customers' receipts.

"People must realise that these cable television networks are illegal and our job is to try to enforce the law," said one officer.

Knesset body debates pension for judge's common-law wife

Post Economic Reporter

The demand of a deceased judge's common-law wife for pension rights led to a heated debate in the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday about the relationship between the legislature and the judiciary.

The debate followed a High Court of Justice decision which ordered the committee to explain within 40 days why it should not change a 1969 regulation excluding judges' common-law wives from

receiving pension payments after their husbands' deaths.

The 1969 regulation established that pension payments to civil servants and ministers continue to be paid to their common-law wives after their deaths — they are considered to be legal survivors. However, since judges were excluded from this regulation, the Justice Ministry stopped Judge David Raipen's common-law wife, Dr. Emilia Levy, from receiving his pension payments after his death.

Levy's request for an order nisi against the committee came after its chairman, Shlomo Lorincz (Agudat Yisrael), did not answer several of her letters requesting a change in the regulations.

Lorincz explained during yesterday's debate that the law does not compel the committee to raise a request made by a private citizen — only after an official letter from the state attorney's office reaches the committee must the issue be raised. Knesset Speaker Menahem

Savador said that he was angered by the court order — asking the legislative power why it would not change one of its decisions — and called for a rejection of the plaintiff's demand.

Opposition members stressed that it was the chairman's obligation to raise the issue before the committee before the case went to court.

The head of the Alignment faction in the committee, MK Adiel Amori, said that Lorincz had concealed the entire case.

MKs clash over amendment to municipal elections law

Post Knesset Correspondent

The Knesset Law Committee witnessed an angry tussle yesterday between the Liberals and an alliance of the Alignment and the National Religious Party, while Herut members, who would normally back their Liberal Likud colleagues, were hampered by an internal split in their own ranks.

The row erupted over an amendment to the municipal elections law, which was approved by only two votes on Tuesday in the first reading in the plenum. The Law Committee yesterday began preparing the amendment, for the second and third readings.

The amendment, which would ease conditions of prior residence for mayoralty candidates, has already been nicknamed the "Lynn Law." It would enable Uriel Lynn, Liberal director-general of the

Energy Ministry, to register as a resident of Haifa and stand for mayor, even though the legal deadline for the autumn elections has already passed.

Although the agreement between Herut and the Liberals, who came together to form Gahal, precursor of the Likud, in 1965, lays down that a Liberal will stand as candidate in Haifa, many Herut members are dissatisfied with this arrangement. The Alignment which holds the Haifa mayoralty has decided to put obstacles in the path of Lynn, whose youth and ability could pose a serious challenge.

Tension was apparent in the Likud on Tuesday, during the first reading vote on the "Lynn Law."

Yosef Rom (Likud-Herut) whose wife Yael hopes to stand as the Likud candidate for mayor, did not want to vote for the Lynn Law. However, two of his Herut col-

leagues, Michael Kleiner and Ronnie Milo, persuaded him to support the law on the first reading, assuring him that the law would be stifled in committee.

The first part of yesterday's Law Committee meeting was taken up by Moshe Shahal (Alignment-Labour) whose filibuster prompted Committee meeting was taken up (Likud-Liberal) to tell Shahal to shut up or get out. After a sharp personal exchange, the meeting was adjourned for 10 minutes while the two were calmed down by their colleagues.

When the meeting resumed, other Alignment and Shinui members spoke against the amendment, and NRP MK Avraham Melamed also questioned the wisdom of the measure.

Five of the MKs attending yesterday are from Haifa — Shahal, Shevah Weiss and Amnon Linn

(Alignment); and Meir Cohen and Yosef Rom (Likud-Herut) — while Avraham Melamed lives on a moshav near the city.

Cohen, who controls the biggest voting block on Herut's Haifa district executive, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night: "Although we have a veto on any Liberal candidate, despite the Gahal agreement, a Liberal like Lynn has a much better chance of winning Haifa than a Herut member like Yael Rom."

"As soon as the Alignment heard we were running Lynn they began fighting the amendment in the Knesset by fair means and foul. I have been told by an absolutely trustworthy source that if Lynn puts up his candidacy, the Alignment will not run Aryeh Gurel for mayor a second time but will find somebody from a higher league to try and stop Lynn."

Planning commission set up for Golan Druse villages

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — The Interior Ministry yesterday set up a planning and construction commission for the four Druse villages and the village of Ghajar in the Golan Heights.

It is the first joint Israeli-Druse project in the Golan since the Druse general strike which broke out in February 1982 to protest against the extension of Israeli law to their villages.

At a ceremony here yesterday, chairmen of the Golan Druse local councils shook the hand of northern district commissioner, Israel

Koenig, expressing their hope that the new project will improve relations between them and the government. Majdal Shams local council chairman Hail Abu Saleh, who had opposed the annexation, said that he and his colleagues are now ready to cooperate with the government for the benefit of the Druse population.

Koenig said that despite the bitterness and the dispute over the identity cards, his ministry will help develop the Golan Druse villages. The appointment of the planning commission is a first step, and the government is considering investing

money to build two hotels and several nature reserves in the area.

This *Jerusalem Post* reporter, who visited the Golan, noted that the general strike, which lasted over four months, caused great harm to the population. Dozens of workers who played an active role in the strike are still unemployed, because their former employers refused to allow them to return to their old jobs. Jado Farahat, a councillor from Bukata, said the community needs at least one hundred additional classrooms next year.

Sa'ada Abu Jabal, a teacher from

Majdal Shams, said that it was ironic to admit that conditions under the military government were much better. "The military governor was our prime minister and he helped us solve each problem. But today we do not have any specific address," he said.

Other residents complained that because of the general strike, the government still refuses to allow them to meet their relatives across the Syrian border, does not permit local students who study in Damascus to visit their families in the summer and does not allocate money for development projects.

Advocates may visit Ansar, State Attorney's Office rules

Jerusalem Post Reporter

In a reversal of policy, the State Attorney's Office has ruled that Israeli lawyers who are qualified to appear before military courts will be allowed to visit the Ansar detention camp in South Lebanon.

Hitherto, the office has used "reasons of state" as a pretext to prevent Israeli advocates from visiting Ansar.

At a discussion in the High Court of Justice yesterday on the request of three lawyers to visit their clients in Ansar, the state attorney representative said the visits would be permitted.

Supreme Court justices Aharon

"reasons of state" had never been used in cases concerning the administered territories. The state attorney's representative replied that the Lebanese situation, unlike the situation in the territories, was a temporary situation. The people detained at Ansar were being held by the IDF, because they were regarded as dangerous to the army's security.

Lawyers Lea Zemel and Felicia Langer, among others, have asked to see Ansar detainees who they say are their clients. The High Court of Justice has postponed a decision on the matter, pending consideration of the requests.

IBA complains about judge

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Broadcasting Authority yesterday asked Justice Minister Moshe Nissim to file a formal complaint against Jerusalem District Court Judge Dov Eitan, who said on Tuesday that he would "burn down the building" if the authority's offices were as chaotic as they are depicted in service announcements for the TV licence fee.

Authority director-general Yosef Lapid asked that the complaint be taken to the president of the Supreme Court, who is legally authorized to take action against the judge.

Lapid told *The Jerusalem Post* that Eitan's pronouncements, delivered when sentencing a Mevasseret Yerushalayim man for assaulting an IBA official, were "appalling," and an insult to the judiciary. Lapid added that the judge's statement was "unprecedented," especially since the authority was not the accused in the case.

Eitan said that the court was not sitting to determine whether there was chaos in the authority. But, basing his words on TV advertisements urging the public to pay their licence fees in time, or face a bureaucratic nightmare, the judge said: "If they are really like that, I would burn them down — I would simply take a match and set fire to the building."

Beduin win order against Green Patrol

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A group of Negev Beduin this week won another skirmish in their running battle with the Agriculture Ministry's Green Patrol over goat grazing in the central Negev.

The High Court of Justice on Tuesday issued an order nisi calling upon the Green Patrol and the ministry to show within 30 days why it should not cancel a 1980 Protection of Greenery (Goat Damage) order and why they should not

cease confiscating and selling goat herds belonging to the Beduin.

Attorney Haim Rosenzweig, acting for Id Al-Wajj and 18 others, argued that while the intention of the law was ecological, by banning grazing from Dimona to Eilat, then-minister of agriculture Ariel Sharon had used the law to remove Beduin from the area. He also said that the goats, which are ostensibly sold for slaughter, are in fact sold.

'Unprecedented' sentence for flag raiser

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — A 24-year-old Arab from Sakhnin in Western Galilee was jailed for five months and given a suspended sentence of one year yesterday for raising the PLO flag on Land Day.

Reports said it was an unprecedented sentence for such an

offence. Acre Magistrate's Court Judge Eitan Magen said the act was clear evidence that the defendant, Halid Haidra, identified himself with a terrorist organisation. He said that because of the increase in such incidents in Galilee, he had decided to send the defendant to prison in order to deter others.

Egged employees strike over pay, contracts

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — About 4,000 Egged bus cooperative hired workers went on strike yesterday, claiming that management is dragging its feet over negotiations for new work contracts and wage benefits.

The workers, who struck for one day a month ago, have decided not to return to work until they see a change in management's attitude

to the negotiations. Egged Spokesman Gideon Talmor said that if the strike continues, the public can expect some slight delays. But he promised that the cooperative will do everything possible to overcome the difficulties.

There were disturbances at Beersheba central bus station yesterday morning.



Relatives of American and Canadian war dead attend the unveiling of a memorial plaque in the Memorial Forest near Sha'ar Hagai yesterday. The plaque commemorates 130 U.S. and Canadian immigrants, killed in defence of Israel since the War of Independence. (Isaiah Karlinisky)

Jerusalem Day celebrated with marches, prizes

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem received congratulations from abroad in honour of the 16th anniversary of its reunification yesterday. Many visitors flocked to the capital from all over Israel.

New York Mayor Edward Koch yesterday to greet the city and the mayor on Jerusalem Day. In Koch's office at the time were a number of American Jewish leaders who also conveyed their best wishes.

Thousands of young people walked around the city, taking part in organized tours. Over 2,000 new immigrants took part in a celebration organized by the Jewish Agency on Mt. Scopus.

President Chaim Herzog hosted a Beit Hanassi ceremony, in which the Jerusalem Education Prize of the World Zionist Organization's education department was awarded to outstanding Diaspora educators. They were Rabbi Yitzhak Moshe Schiber of Buenos Aires, Marion and Bernard Picard of Paris, John Fiedler of Manchester, Rabbi Meir Tabal of Israel (who served abroad) and Rabbi Baruch Shvat of New York.

The chief rabbis and thousands of pilgrims attended a ceremony at the Western Wall.

Other events were the dedication of the Charles Clore Memorial Plaza outside the Hurva Synagogue site in the Old City; the presentation of a musical play at Sultan's Pool; and the opening of the Jerusalem municipal museum at David's Citadel.

There was a special ceremony for those who fell in the 1967 battle for Jerusalem at Ammunition Hill.

Robert Rosenberg adds: There were more journalists than policemen, and more policemen than demonstrators, at yesterday's traditional Jerusalem Day prayer rally outside the Temple Mount at Mogenat Gate.

Fewer than 25 demonstrators — and about another 25 who were prevented by police "for security reasons" from entering the ramp leading to the green gate above the Western Wall, heard Temple Mount activist Gershon Salomon reiterate his long-standing demand that Jews be allowed to pray on the Temple Mount.

Salomon appealed to the High Court of Justice two days ago, after the police turned down his request for a licensed demonstration. The court decided to allow the rally, but to leave questions of security in police hands.

Police hold suspects in 1981 jewel robbery

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

It took 18 months, but Jerusalem police yesterday announced that they have enough evidence to charge two suspects with robbing a downtown Jerusalem jewelry store of some \$300,000-worth of gold and gems.

Jerusalem police commander Tat-Nitzav Rahamim Comfort announced that the suspect originally held in the case — a barber who worked next door to the Idit jewelry store on Rehov Ben-Yehuda — had been arrested and will face charges.

Along with barber Meir "Michel" Avigdor, 30, the police are holding a 27-year-old accomplice with whom Avigdor allegedly broke into the jewelry store through a dividing wall. Avigdor has already been remanded, and police are to ask for a remand today against the other suspect.

Emphasizing that no police force "works in the Hollywood style, solving cases within 45 minutes," Comfort and assistant commander Nitzav-Mishne Arie Schneidmiller, who heads the criminal investigation department, outlined the course of the investigation that led to the arrests.

Immediately after the daytime robbery, behind the closed curtains of the jewelry store, the police suspected Avigdor. Police also suspect that, three weeks earlier, Avigdor staged a robbery of his own shop, in which he claimed his keys were stolen.

On the day of the robbery, Avigdor and his associate allegedly used the afternoon siesta hours to break into the next-door shop and take jewelry from display cases. Then Avigdor was tied up — as if he had been assaulted by robbers — and left in the barber shop.

The police held the barber for almost 30 days following the robbery. However, the attorney general's office at the time warned investigators that they "only had 60 per cent of the evidence."

Two weeks ago, Avigdor was arrested while travelling in a taxi in Jerusalem allegedly with two kilograms of hashish in his possession. Since then, police said, he has been cooperating with them in recovering as much of the jewelry that has not yet been fenced.

Several thousand dollars worth of jewelry have been recovered in the case. But, according to police sources, most of the gold has already been marketed.

Police rescue 5 children held by 'messiah' in TA

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The special police anti-terror squad burst into the Yad Elihu apartment of Marko Cohen before dawn yesterday and released his five children and a neighbour's child whom Cohen had locked up in the flat. Cohen, who had stated he would stay in the flat, until he "became the messiah," was sent to the Abarbanel Mental Hospital for examination. Two of the smaller children were sent to hospital suffering from shock.

Cohen, 43, and his children, aged 5 to 19, had been shut up in the apartment for five days, together with a 16-year-old friend who brought them some bread and was then forced to stay in the flat.

Cohen's wife, Batya, who left home a week ago, told police that her husband had gone mad, and that she feared the children had run out of food.

After hours of negotiations between police psychiatrists and Cohen, police decided that he was

badly disturbed and might endanger the children. At 3.40 a.m. bright spotlights flooded Cohen's third floor apartment, and several policemen entered simultaneously through windows, the door and the roof.

The entire family was sleeping, but Cohen awoke and began struggling with the policemen. Several large officers overcame him and he was finally dragged out by his hands and feet. The two smaller children, a five-year-old girl and a 13-year-old boy, seemed to be in shock, but no one was harmed. No weapons or firearms were found in the flat.

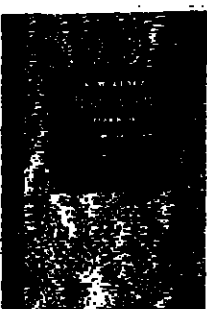
The older boys, a 19-year-old soldier suspected of desertion and an 18-year-old youth about to join the army, were taken in for questioning.

Cohen's wife told police that her husband began to act strangely about a year ago, praying and saying he was the prophet, or the messiah. She said he used drugs and seemed to be acting according to the dictates of some mystical cult.

"The well-known zealots in our Jerusalem community have not been silent this year" (that was 1881!)

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Addie Drecksler previews the 1983 Modern Living Fair, which opens at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds today.

"THE 1983 Modern Living Fair will be something completely different from previous fairs of its kind," asserts Ya'acov Bar-Gera, general manager of the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds and co-ordinator of the fair itself. That's a lot to say for a show that's been an annual event since 1972 and is now the largest public fair held each year.

Bar-Gera cites first the tremendous expansion in the size and scope of the show. This year, more than 360 exhibitors will participate, compared to 250 last year. There will also be much greater variety and quality of displays. More attention has been given, too, to making the presentations into real merchandise showcases.

According to Bar-Gera, there has also been an upgrading in the selection of exhibitors, with many new features being introduced this year. A complete auto showroom has been planned, as well as a large central fashion showroom. Electronic displays will range from simple household appliances to home computers of all sizes and degrees of sophistication.

Tremendous expansion

The fairgrounds have undergone a similar expansion to accommodate the show's growth. Some 7,000 metres of exhibition space have been added, with new flowers and bushes planted to brighten the outdoor areas. Chinese lanterns and special lighting equipment will add to the festive atmosphere.

The fair this year will be a true demonstration of its slogan of "business and pleasure together." Although entertainment groups were brought from abroad for the previous two fairs, this year's visit by the national ballet troupe of Colombia is the first by a really professional company. In addition, 35 Israeli entertainers will be scattered through the fairgrounds, offering musical and humorous diversions.

Not only has this year's fair been greatly expanded in its attractions

and attractiveness, but it has also been made more convenient. The fair's duration has been increased from two to three weeks, to reduce previously crowded conditions; and visiting times now include Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Transportation, which has always proved a major problem, will be eased by the opening of extra parking areas, with room for an additional 2,000 cars. If necessary, provision has also been made for the use of the nearby Ramat Gan Stadium parking lots. Bus services will, hopefully, also be increased to the area of the fairgrounds; and special stops in the vicinity will be made by the Haifa-Tel Aviv train to assist visitors from the north.

The growth of the fair parallels the growth of the fairgrounds themselves and the public company which manages the whole affair.

Bar-Gera mentions similar-format fairs held annually in places like Hanover, Basel and Chicago as models for what he hopes the Tel Aviv Modern Living Fair will become. "We're about halfway there," he says.



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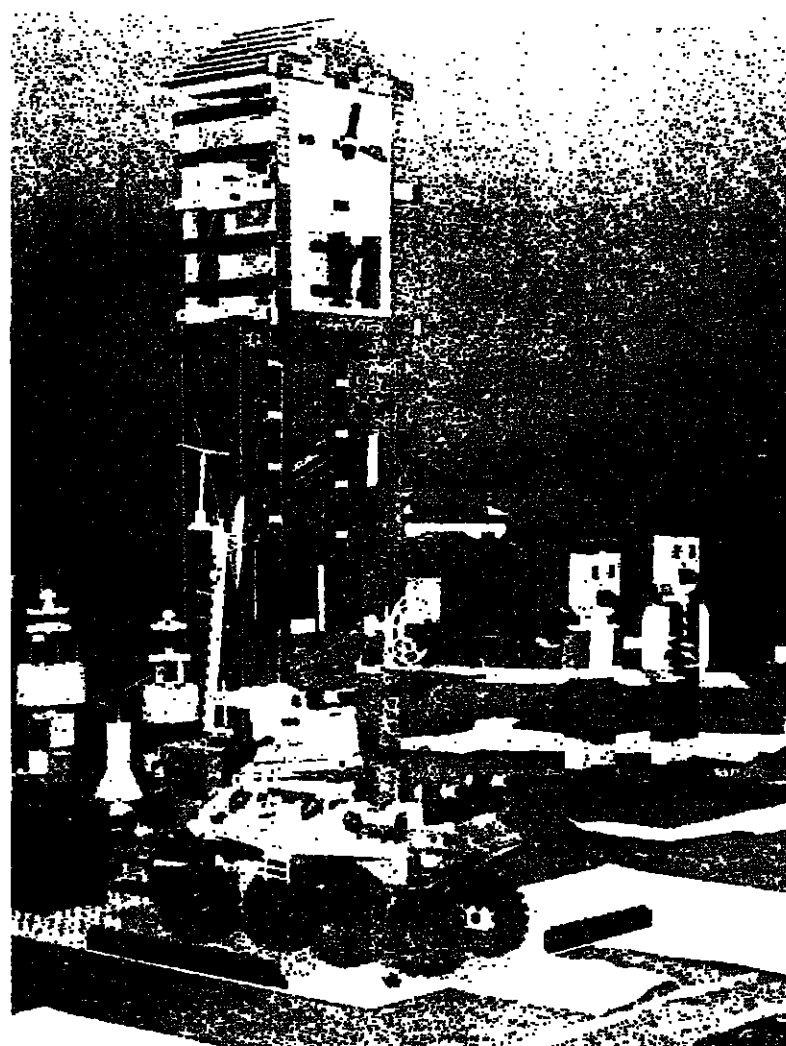
For three weeks, on 200 dunams of indoor and outdoor space, more than 360 exhibitors will display all manner of merchandise to enrich our lives, from the items mentioned above to musical instruments and cosmetics. And everything displayed will be available for purchase at special exhibition discounts.

This year's fair will also, for the first time, include an auto show. Cars from Volkswagen, Alfa Romeo and Fiat will be displayed in a special auto show-room. Indeed, Fiat has chosen the fair to unveil its brand-new Uno, which will be shown alongside the popular Panda and Ritmo models.

Another first at the fair will be pavilions from the major housing and construction companies. Emphasis there will be on land and home development and sales in Judea and Samaria, with special offers and purchase terms to attract buyers during the fair.

Of special interest will be an exhibition of handicraft by some of Israel's prisoners. The items shown — including woodwork, metalwork, and precious stones — are examples of the trade tutoring and rehabilitation programmes now provided in the nation's prisons.

In addition to the many displays, a variety of extra shows and events are planned to amuse and entertain the half a million visitors who are expected. Among the commercially sponsored programmes will be Gali's Giant Shoe, with clowns, magicians and mime artists



Plastic art...Lego models on display at the fair.

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Addie Drecksler previews the 1983 Modern Living Fair, which opens at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds today

"THE 1983 Modern Living Fair will be something completely different from previous fairs of its kind," asserts Ya'acov Bar-Gera, general manager of the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds and co-ordinator of the fair itself. That's a lot to say for a show that's been an annual event since 1972 and is now the largest public fair held each year.

Bar-Gera cites first the tremendous expansion in the size and scope of the show. This year, more than 360 exhibitors will participate, compared to 250 last year. There will also be much greater variety and quality of displays. More attention has been given, too, to making the presentations into real merchandise showcases.

According to Bar-Gera, there has also been an upgrading in the selection of exhibitions, with many new features being introduced this year. A complete auto showroom has been planned, as well as a large central fashion showroom. Electronic displays will range from simple household appliances to home computers of all sizes and degrees of sophistication.

Tremendous expansion

The fairgrounds have undergone a similar expansion to accommodate the show's growth. Some 7,000 metres of exhibition space have been added, with new flowers and bushes planted to brighten the outdoor areas. Chinese lanterns and special lighting equipment will add to the festive atmosphere.

The fair this year will be a true demonstration of its slogan of "business and pleasure together." Although entertainment groups were brought from abroad for the previous two fairs, this year's visit by the national ballet troupe of Colombia is the first by a really professional company. In addition, 35 Israeli entertainers will be scattered through the fairgrounds, offering musical and humorous diversions.

Not only has this year's fair been greatly expanded in its attractions

and attractiveness, but it has also been made more convenient. The fair's duration has been increased from two to three weeks, to reduce previously crowded conditions; and visiting times now include Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Transportation, which has always proved a major problem, will be eased by the opening of extra parking areas, with room for an additional 2,000 cars. If necessary, provision has also been made for the use of the nearby Ramat Gan Stadium parking lots. Bus services will, hopefully, also be increased to the area of the fairgrounds; and special stops in the vicinity will be made by the Haifa-Tel Aviv train to assist visitors from the north.

The growth of the fair parallels the growth of the fairgrounds themselves and the public company which manages the whole affair.

Bar-Gera mentions similar-format fairs held annually in places like Hanover, Basel and Chicago as models for what he hopes the Tel Aviv Modern Living Fair will become. "We're about halfway there," he says.



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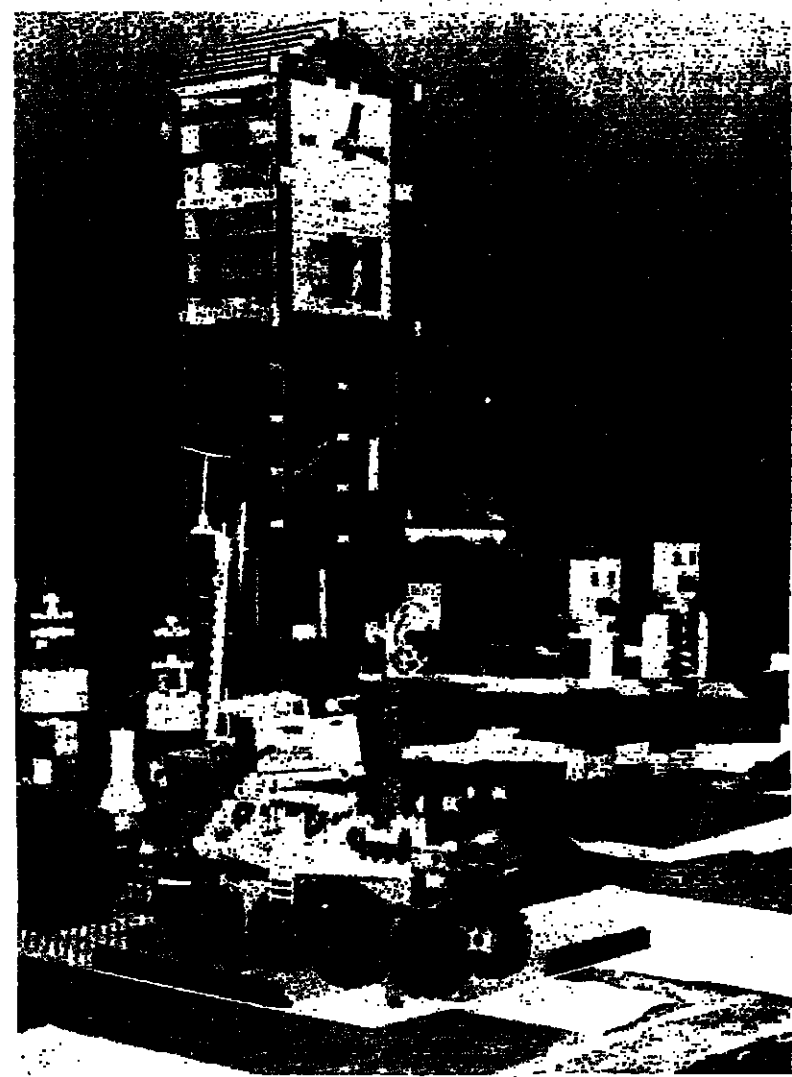
For three weeks, on 200 dunams of indoor and outdoor space, more than 360 exhibitors will display all manner of merchandise to enrich our lives, from the items mentioned above to musical instruments and cosmetics. And everything displayed will be available for purchase at special exhibition discounts.

This year's fair will also, for the first time, include an auto show. Cars from Volkswagen, Alfa Romeo and Fiat will be displayed in a special auto show-room. Indeed, Fiat has chosen the fair to unveil its brand-new Uno, which will be shown alongside the popular Panda and Ritmo models.

Another first at the fair will be pavilions from the major housing and construction companies. Emphasis there will be on land and home development and sales in Judea and Samaria, with special offers and purchase terms to attract buyers during the fair.

Of special interest will be an exhibition of handicrafts by some of Israel's prisoners. The items shown — including woodwork, metalwork, and precious stones — are examples of the trade tutoring and rehabilitation programmes now provided in the nation's prisons.

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FRANCOIS MITTERRAND marks the second anniversary of his election to the French presidency this week amid public gloom and street protests and with many one-time supporters wondering what went wrong.

Two years after Mitterrand swept to office with his vision of a socialist France, an avalanche of opinion polls show his popularity plunging and a tide of pessimism sweeping the nation.

Political commentators are contrasting the wave of optimism that accompanied Mitterrand and the Socialist Party to power in 1981 with the economic crisis and austerity of 1983.

The mood of discontent has boiled over in recent weeks as doctors, farmers and students have demonstrated or gone on strike, prompting right-wing predictions of civil strife and the downfall of the government or the president.

The recent violent clashes between demonstrators and police in Paris, in which at least 80 people have been injured and 60 arrested, will do little to encourage Mitterrand.

Aides say he is taking a long-term view of the discontent, convinced he can carry through what he sees as a seven-year mission to transform French society.

In a rare public comment last week, the 66-year-old president denied he was a disappointed man and said he was proud of his "historic responsibility."

According to several opinion polls over the past month, Mitterrand's personal standing is lower than that of his modern predecessors Charles de Gaulle, Georges Pompidou and Valéry Giscard d'Estaing after two years in office.

In one survey last week, conducted for a state television station, only 33 per cent had a favourable

opinion of the president's performance.

The polls show support falling most dramatically among middle-class electors who swung left and opted for Mitterrand and his promise to change society in 1981.

But analysts say few Frenchmen would contest his right to stay until the next election due in 1988.

Commentators agree that Mitterrand — a reflective, private man — has grown comfortably into the role of fifth republic president, an institution he had denounced as a "permanent coup d'état" after it was created for De Gaulle in 1958.

He is widely regarded as highly successful in his handling of foreign affairs and has travelled far and wide, seeking to project a new French voice in the Third World while aligning himself with Washington on East-West issues.

But at home he is still widely seen as the leader of a left-wing party committed to a "class war" with half of French society, commentators say.

FOR THE PAST year, Mitterrand has dropped references to socialism or his political background, striving to present himself as the leader of all Frenchmen.

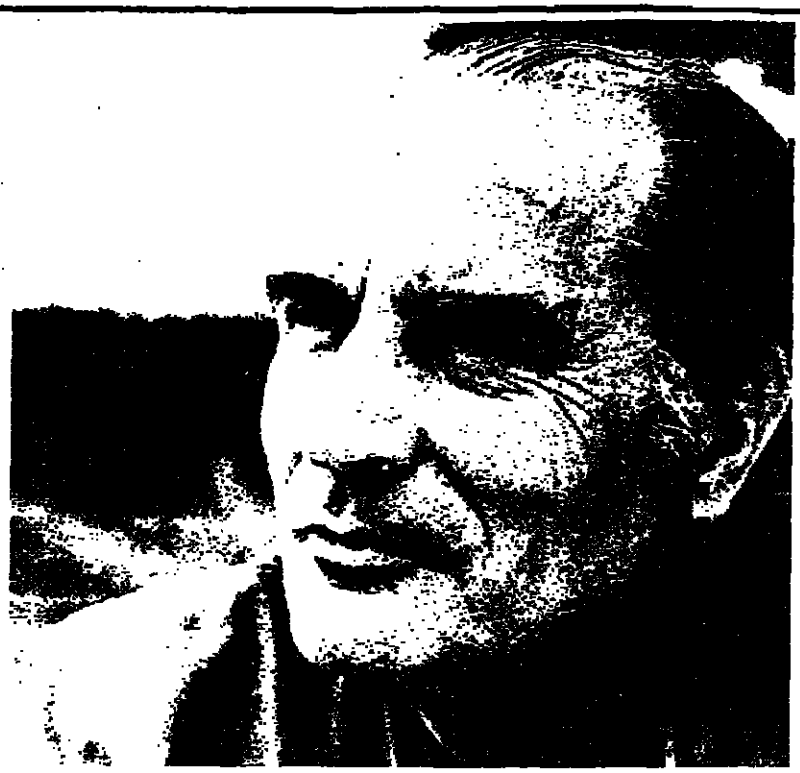
The state of the economy is the main cause of disillusion with Mitterrand, the Socialists and their Communist allies, and it was behind the defection of many left-wing voters in nationwide municipal elections last March, according to surveys.

After implementing a high-spending expansionary programme to generate growth in its first year, the government reversed its strategy in June 1982, imposing restrictive measures to accompany a devaluation of the franc.

In March it decreed a second, more severe austerity programme, including heavy taxes and limits on

Charles Bremner surveys the Mitterrand presidency two years after his election

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foreign travel, while devaluing the franc for the third time.

Over the past month heavy losses by nationalized companies and a falling franc have further eroded public confidence.

Commentators believe Mitterrand damaged himself in March when he hesitated for nine days over whether to opt for classical austerity or radical strategy involving protectionist measures.

THE SOCIALIST PARTY reluctantly went along with the austerity

plan, officially called "intensified rigour," but the party's deputy leader, Jean Poperen, last week sounded the alarm.

He said the Socialists could start preparing to spend the rest of the century in opposition if the government failed to show greater interest in social justice.

Poperen also raised a spectre which is widely reported to haunt Mitterrand — the possibility of a right-wing take-over in France of the kind that ended the rule of

Marxist president Salvador Allende in Chile in 1973.

And, indeed, the idea that the government could be brought down by non-constitutional means, a recurrent feature of French history, has been revived over the past two weeks with the strikes and protests.

The right-wing daily *Le Figaro* predicted an imminent collapse of the government, while other newspapers drew parallels with the social explosion of May 1968 which presaged the departure a year later of De Gaulle.

The president, many of whose ministers demonstrated on the student barricades in 1968, stepped in

last week and warned protesters against rebellion while ordering concessions that ended the doctors' strike.

ONE MAN who dismissed comparisons with the events of 15 years ago was Daniel Cohn-Bendit, a leader of the 1968 protest movement.

In a newspaper interview, he said the 1968 protesters were questioning traditional political and social values, both right-wing and left-wing, but the movement today was sparked by the consequences of recession and inspired by the right-wing.

"I do not see how this social offensive could correspond to a questioning of society as a whole," he said.

The government could face more serious trouble in the autumn when the austerity programme begins to bite, especially if there is unrest among the major left-wing unions.

However, the opposition party appears reluctant to fan unrest. In a restrained reaction to the recent events, Jacques Chirac, leader of the neo-Gaullist Party, said France had lost its way and was in the grip of discontent and division created by the Socialists.

But he added: "The opposition is not behind the present movements... we want the conflicts to be calmed, not aggravated."

CHIRAC'S DEPUTY, Bernard Pons, described Mitterrand as "an incompetent surrounded by incompetents," but added that the party had no wish to see the Socialists hounded from office.

Le Figaro this week described the two years since May 10, 1981 as a fiasco, listing the reasons.

"An economy in collapse... crushing taxes, falling purchasing power, partial closure of the frontiers for travellers and goods, penal reforms which have succeeded in guaranteeing insecurity, radio and television news at the orders of the government..."

However, Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy and party officials say the government is only going through a rough patch caused mainly by the legacy of its predecessors and the recession aggravated by U.S., British and West German conservative policies.

Some Socialist officials argue that given the far-reaching social and economic reforms of Mitterrand's first year, some difficulty and public unrest was inevitable.

"Look, we have already been in power longer than any French left-wing government in history," one party official noted.

(Reuters News Service)

READERS' LETTERS

MODERN MONSTROSITY

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir — The grandiose design and plan for the giant metal arch (March 25) is one which has no place in the naturally beautiful landscape of gentle hills and pine forests which line the highway up to Jerusalem.

It is an outrage that Mr. Giora Novak, a vored of 20 years standing, attempts to impose this egotistic monument on the residents of Jerusalem and Israel for generations to come. Sadder is that the Regional Council of Mateh Yehuda actually voted to permit this modern monstrosity to dominate and distort the lovely scenery of the area, after it was rejected by the Jerusalem City Council. Furthermore, there is

no moral or "artistic" justification to waste millions of dollars on such a project. As a resident of the Mevasseret community, proposed site of this "sculpture," the thought of having to live with this presumptuous imposition is intolerable. Significantly, for those who may not know (as Mr. Novak surely does), the "golden arch" is the trademark of the worldwide MacDonald's hamburger chain. In view of this fact, Mr. Novak would be better advised to seek a more appropriate site, such as the New Jersey Turnpike or Disneyland.

VIVIAN OSTROV,
Ad Hoc Committee to Preserve the Natural Beauty of the Judean Hills
Mevasseret Zion.

MISHNA ZONING ORDINANCE

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir — Many thanks for the fascinating article of April 1 by Abraham Rabinovich on Richard Kauffman, the pioneer of modern town planning in Israel. The article states that Mr. Kauffman recognised the importance of the country's prevailing west winds for their cooling effect as well as for the necessity of placing odour-producing elements downwind.

I thought that it would be of interest in this regard to point out the

provisions of the Mishna which, in the Tractate Baba Baira (Ch. 2, Mishna 9), requires all tanneries to be located to the east of a city at a distance of not less than 50 cubits (about 25 metres) from the city's boundaries. Apparently our forefathers, realising the potentially deleterious effect of the west wind, promulgated this exactment, which constitutes an example of an ancient land use zoning ordinance in the country.

STANLEY EMERSON
Toronto.

THE MIRACLE OF ISRAEL

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir — I just returned from nearly two weeks in Israel. Standing in a kibbutz below the Golan Heights, I felt what it was like for women and children to be used as target practice by Syrian gunners for 10 years. Today, because the Israelis occupy those Heights, no one is dying. We travelled throughout Judea and Samaria — the West Bank. I had almost forgotten that this territory was illegally annexed by Jordan in her war with Israel in 1948. I had almost forgotten what it would be like to again live in a country only nine miles wide at its ut — Israel's position prior to her fight for life when attacked by enemy nations in 1967. And what a difference I saw in

Jerusalem! In 1964, the city was divided by barbed wire and hostile guns. The Jordanians had closed East Jerusalem — including the Western Wall — to Jews. The UN seemed not to notice. The U.S. was silent. The world didn't care. Today, with Jerusalem declared their eternal capital, the Israelis have made this an international city for all faiths. To renegotiate this cleaned up, open and peaceful city would be a cruel joke. Tiny Israel survives in a sea of hostility. To see her is to believe in miracles and marvel at the hypocrisy of fairweather friends now selling her out.

FRANK EIKLON
President The Shalom Fellowship
Keene, New Hampshire.

DISPARAGING REMARK RESENTED

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir — I have just read Ya'acov Friedler's article of April 8 on the new Misgav Regional Council, and I take grave exception to Arik Raz's closing remarks quoted therein.

I am religious and have been living in Lower Galilee for the past 34 years — in fact, since the year of Arik Raz's birth. I would say that we here, in our religious kibbutz, have contributed our share to the

building up of Lower Galilee — without picking quarrels with anyone.

I therefore ask Arik Raz to qualify his disparaging remark about religious villages, and invite him to come up and visit us — if only to convince himself that religious settlers are not contentious ogres.

Kibbutz Lavi.

GERTI URMAN

THE ISRAELI CONSUMER'S APATHY

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir — The average Israeli is politically alert and, as an employee, constantly watches his rights and does not hesitate to strike at the slightest provocation. However, as a consumer, his apathy is appalling.

The Israeli waits patiently in long queues at public institutions, and even at banks, whose gains are — to say the least — quite satisfactory and would allow some increase in staff. But why add a few clerks at least at peak hours, if nobody complains?

According to "Kolbotek," the average Israeli is absolutely not interested in prices, and there is no doubt that a lot of merchants take

advantage of this fact and raise prices far beyond the rise of the index, thus causing further inflation. The Ministry of Industry and Trade contributes to the trend by not publishing a bi-monthly comprehensive price list.

While in most Western countries, the consumer is a powerful factor to be reckoned with because of his alertness and pressure he exerts to safeguard his rights, the Israeli consumer is a meek creature, who is expected to pay his bill and keep his mouth shut.

Why are successful consumer strikes organized abroad? Why not here?

ILANA WAHL
Kiryat Tivon.

POLITICS AND PHONES

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir — On a recent visit to Israel, I was amazed and disappointed to find that my parents, after immigrating two years ago, have still been unable to cajole the Ministry of Communications into issuing them a telephone — despite their advanced age, the fact that one of them has a serious heart ailment, and the availability in their flat of all the necessary wiring.

Their mistake, it seems, was in choosing to settle in Ra'anana rather than a few miles to the east,

where phones appear readily available as an inducement to Jewish settlement in the "territories." Political opinions aside, I find it distressing and embarrassing that the government of Israel elevates such partisan concerns over the traditional Jewish values of aid to the sick and aged. How can the government expect the support, not to speak of the immigration, of world Jewry when it displays such cynicism in the treatment of its own people?

ELIHU R. WELBER
San Francisco.

SOLACE

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir — Let me compliment reporter Robert Rosenberg for his excellent, sympathetic and understanding reporting of a "Bereaved father keeps vigil for all our sons" (April 27). Through his efforts, very

many parents with sons in Lebanon showed up the evening of the day the article appeared and brought much solace to the demonstrator, Zvi Ginzburg.

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Industrialists end 'boycott' of gov't

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Representatives of all productive sectors — "that 40 per cent of the country's work force which allows the other 60 per cent to make a living," in the words of Eli Hurvitz, president of the Manufacturers Association — yesterday ended their "boycott" of the government. They took the step in order to create a "pleasant atmosphere" for their meeting with the prime minister on Monday.

The representatives, in addition to the Manufacturers Association, also included Danny Rosolio of Hevrat Ovdim, Oded Winkler of the Association of Kibbutz Industries, Simha Assaf of the Agricultural Centre, Shlomo Reisman of the Farmers Federation, and Moshe Amir of the Hotel Owners Association.

All these bodies formed a "solid front" against the economic policies of Finance Minister Yoram Aridor.

At the time the organizations decided to cancel their participation in a trade mission to the U.S. led by Minister Gideon Patt. As a result of this "boycott," when Hurvitz tried to see Aridor recently, the minister told him that a "boycott" worked both ways and showed him the door.

Yesterday, after hours of deliberation, the representatives decided to tackle the problem from a new angle. They now want the Prime Minister to persuade Aridor to change his policies, so that "the productive sector and the government can work together for the national good, mainly to step up exports."

Hurvitz admitted yesterday that their big card was the fact that Dr. Moshe Mandelbaum, Governor of the Bank of Israel, and adviser to the government, had gone on record that the situation was deteriorating and a new approach had to be taken.

As for the "boycott," Hurvitz said its importance had been blown up out of all proportion. "What we really boycotted was five cocktail parties in the U.S., nothing more. When it came to attend seven or eight foreign exhibitions and eight fairs, we were there, doing our best to sell Israeli goods. We did nothing which could harm our export drive or the state. Our boycott was only aimed at driving home to the authorities the seriousness of the situation."

How Euroteam experts see the market The real value of stocks

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — About ten per cent of the shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange are undervalued today, some grossly so, according to Manfred Gerstenfeld and Ilan Barzel, heads of the Euroteam financial consulting firm. They were commenting on the recent performance of the market, especially the collapse which started at the beginning of the month.

However, another 30 per cent of the shares are still overvalued, some exceptionally so, they said. As for another 30 per cent, "it is impossible even for experts to understand their real value, due to all sorts of factors."

This leaves only 30 per cent which are more or less priced according to their real value.

The consultants refused to reveal what they considered "grossly undervalued" stocks. Instead, they advise any interested party to get the given company's financial statements and sit down and study them carefully, and then seek competent advice.

They did hint, however, that some of these grossly undervalued companies (but not all) had recently floated issues on the stock market.

For example, a hypothetical company whose real value was, say \$10 million, and which raised \$3.3m. on the stock market, should actually be worth \$13.3m. But today, the stocks of some of these companies are priced at only \$8m., of which about 40 per cent is backed up by the money raised on the exchange.

Euroteam's explanation for the "continued manipulation" of prices lies in the past attitude of the authorities. Both the Finance Ministry and the Securities Authority decided many years ago that allowing the big banks to regulate the price of their shares would have a calming effect on the market. And this proved true. But once they allowed one firm to regulate the prices of its shares, there was no way of keeping others from doing the same.

While the banks could be depended on to act with restraint, this could not be said of the manipulators, who were interested primarily in lining their own pockets. "And this finally allowed the entire stock market to start functioning like a casino," the consultants said.

As for the country's solid investors, they did not think the market's recent collapse had hurt

them too badly. "By solid we mean persons who invested one third of their funds in index-linked bonds; one third in foreign currency; one sixth in the shares of the Big Three banks; and one sixth in "free shares."

True, the value of both index-linked bonds and foreign currency had dropped during the past year, but they would undoubtedly recover. Bank shares were still running ahead of the index. The only sector that really dropped considerably was that of free shares.

"Taking this investment portfolio as a whole, the investor made at least ten per cent, generally 15 per cent, in 1982. So far, this year, he has lost only about five per cent." But both men stressed that this referred only to "solid investors." Those who had been led astray by the manipulators, those who had gambled on making a quick fortune — putting most of their money on some of the "free shares," especially those which had been manipulated, had certainly been cleaned out.

The consultants noted that another new phenomenon had recently appeared on the capital market. For a considerable time new issues, immediately after they had been floated, came under strong buying pressure, forcing prices up and up. The result was that the "old" company shares, many of whose prices had been dropping since January 1983, were selling for much less. When the public realized this, the market for new issues turned sour.

The big banking groups decided to stop floating issues, and today there are some 80 companies trying to raise money on the stock market, but they are entirely unsuccessful, since the banking consortium has closed up shop, at least temporarily.

Since these companies needed the funds to expand, some of the smaller ones turned to three underwriters outside the banking consortium, offering them outside financial incentives if they would underwrite the issue. In some cases, companies which had agreed on an issue price of say 500, are now willing to go out at 350 or 400.

"Moreover, instead of the normal five per cent underwriting and placing commission, they are offering up to ten per cent in many cases." Thus, these firms are willing to accept two-thirds of the money for their shares which they would have received one month earlier.

Fiat wants to ban imports of Seat

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The Mediterranean Car Agency, the official importers of Italian Fiat cars, has applied to the district court here asking it to forbid the import of the Ronda model made by the Spanish Seat company.

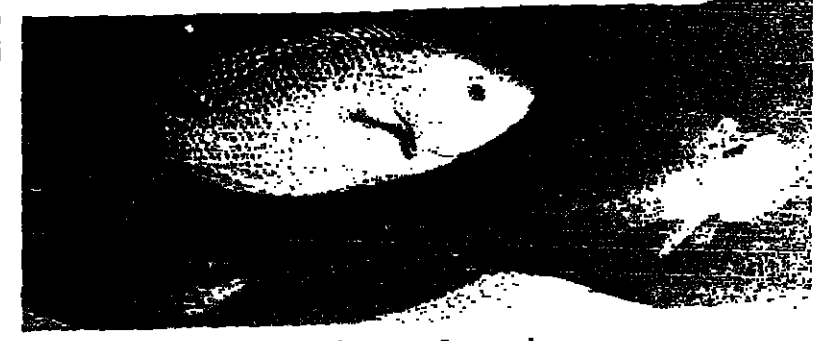
Fiat, which used to be partners of Seat, has an agreement, whereby Seat can manufacture vehicles for sale only in Spain, unless it produces a different model.

Seat claims that its Ronda model is different, but the Fiat representatives maintain the Spanish Seat

Ronda is virtually indistinguishable from Fiat's Ritmo, which has been marketed here for the past four years.

The application is against the Seat company and four local importers. The court has invited the parties to a discussion on Sunday.

ITALY. — An important Italian oil refining company, Amoco Italiana, has been sold by its parent, Standard Oil of Indiana, to two Saudi Arabian-controlled companies. Amoco operates a chain of 1,100 petrol stations in Italy and had a turnover of \$780 million last year.



Amnun swimming near the bottom of a pond.

Fish conference in Nazareth

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An international symposium on the first "all male" commercial fish is concluding at the Sprinzak Rest Home in Nazareth now.

About 150 scientists and fishermen from over 40 countries and some 70 of their Israeli colleagues are discussing all aspects of the breeding of this fish. The fish is known locally as the amnun or musht (or St. Peters in English), according to Prof. Lev Fishelson of Tel Aviv University.

Fishelson was the first to breed the all-male amnun here — although a Prof. Hickling "created" it at the same time in London. It was Israel, however, which went on to make it a commercial success, and the amnun is now raised in fish ponds in scores of countries.

Drs. Zvi Aharon and Dan Mires told the press that amnun is "quite expensive" compared to imported tilapia, but that breeders at present are only raising 400 kilograms on each dunam of pond. "We are beginning to raise three tons in the same area, and eventually we hope to reach 10 tons per dunam. Prices should come down then," they said.

The all-male fish is raised in two ways here. The first involves taking two genetically pure species of the amnun, the Jordan River and the Nile River species, and breeding them. All such hybrids produce only males. The second method is to treat the eggs of the female fish with a hormone which results in the female embryos developing into males.

The amount of hormone used is about "one ten millionth" of that which normally exists in every fish, the researchers said, so there is absolutely no danger of any untoward hormonal effects being passed on to the eater. The decision to breed only males was dictated solely by commercial reasons. The fully grown female weights only about 100 grams; the male weights about 500 grams.

The fish has many commercial advantages. Not only is its main food algae, but it can be grown in water with a high salt content and the water itself can be used later for irrigation.

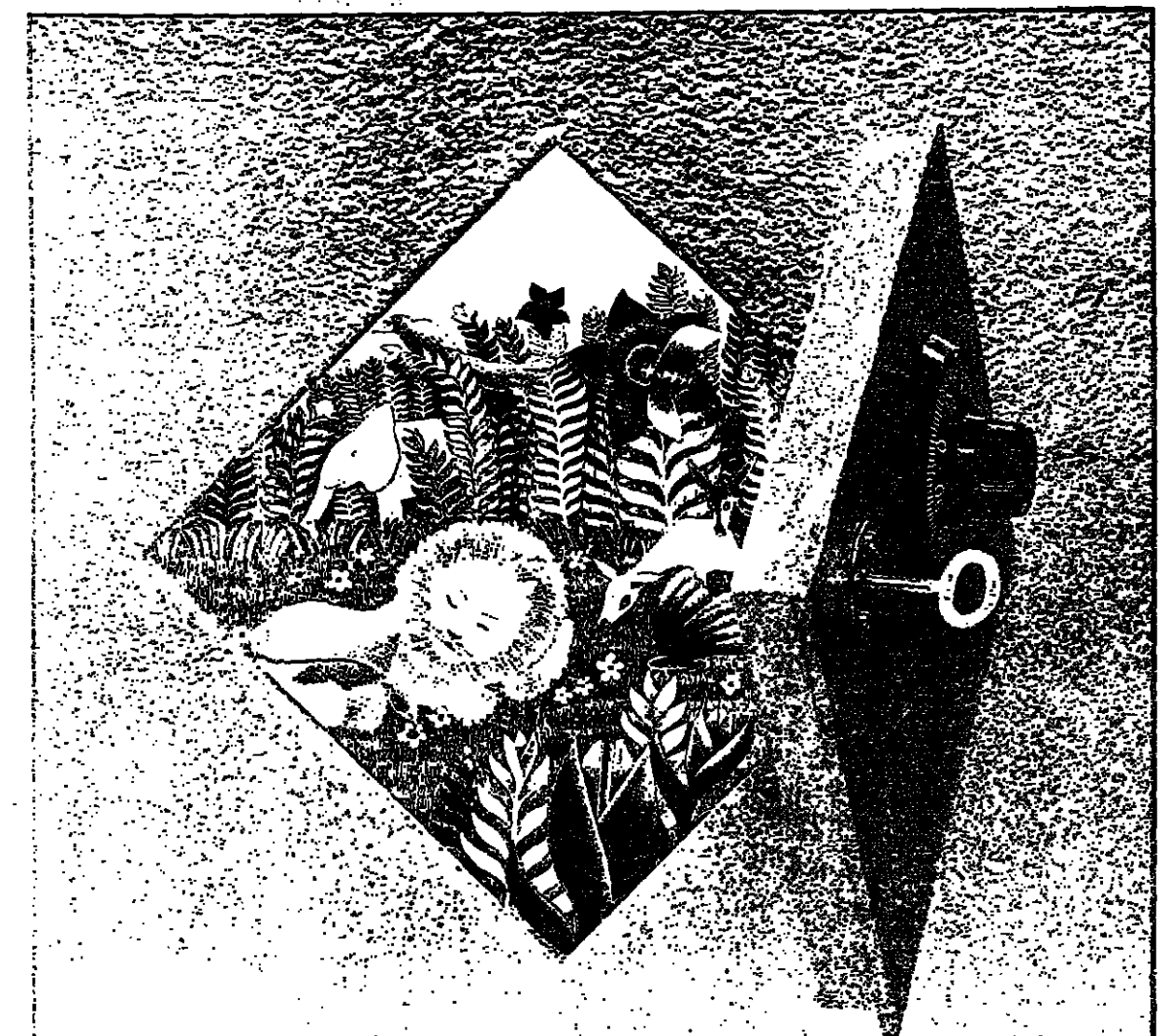
At present, of the approximately 11,000 tons of fish raised here, about 2,800 tons are amnun, while the rest is carp.

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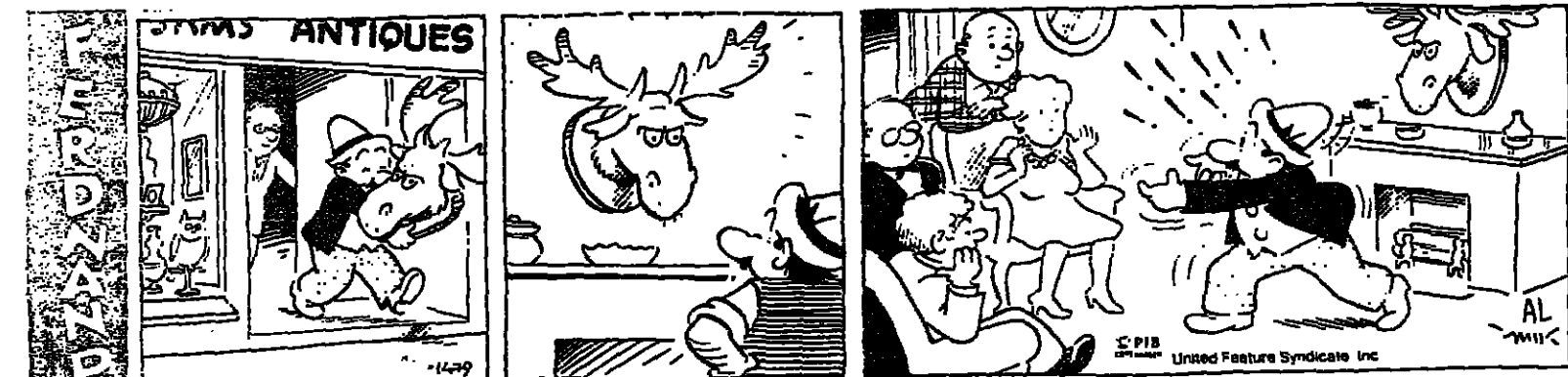
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The right to criticize

THE FORMER defence minister, Ariel Sharon, now minister without portfolio, was not in the Knesset yesterday when it launched into a discussion of the agreement between Israel and Lebanon. This was not because the outcome of the war of which he had been the chief architect is of no interest to Mr. Sharon. Far from it. It is rather that Mr. Sharon was busy taking potshots at the agreement — in America.

Mr. Sharon's view that the deal hammered out with the help of his successor in defence, Moshe Arens, is a threat to this country's security, was aired at the cabinet meeting last Friday. That was without a doubt a proper forum. If news about it leaked to the media, along with the fact that Mr. Sharon, together with Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, the science minister, voted to withhold approval of the agreement, that was only standard operating procedure in the Israeli democracy.

Moreover it was not Mr. Sharon who, when the cabinet meeting was concluded, positioned himself before the Israel Television camera to proclaim that, had he known in advance what would be the outcome of the Lebanese war, he would not have supported it, at least beyond a certain point. That was Yitzhak Moda'i, the energy minister, speaking. Mr. Sharon himself waited a few days to convey roughly the same sentiments before audiences, and television cameras — overseas.

Perhaps it does not matter that he did. Since Mr. Sharon's opinion was bound to become public, sooner or later, it is arguable that he should be allowed to publicize it himself, whether at home or abroad. If the result is, perhaps, to sway people's minds, then this is part of the democratic game.

Aluf Avraham Tamir, Mr. Sharon's former right-hand man, claims that the agreement as it stands is almost identical with the "breakthrough" document brought by the then defence minister from his meeting in Beirut last fall, and in some respects even an improvement upon it. Surely Mr. Sharon is entitled to take exception to this interpretation, and it is not clear that it matters much in what language, and where, he does it.

But if a cabinet minister is to be allowed to advertise his differences with the majority of his colleagues not only to domestic but also to foreign audiences, then surely a similar right to criticize the government of the day must be conceded to the opposition. In the past this right was vehemently denied by official spokesmen, and oppositionists, such as Peace Now activists, who went to America to mobilize backing for their cause and resistance to the government line among Israel's friends, were charged with stabbing the country in the back, no less.

There has so far been no rehearsal of any such charges in the case of Mr. Sharon. Although cabinet ministers are reported to be unhappy about Mr. Sharon's current activities in America, they are careful not to say anything out loud. By their silence, however, they are in effect suggesting that Mr. Sharon's conduct is from now on to be considered perfectly becoming of a cabinet minister.

In that case, it should also be considered perfectly becoming of anyone who is not a cabinet minister, but who may think the country's official policy wrong.

The lost Voice of Music

THE VOICE OF MUSIC, inaugurated by Kol Yisrael on May Day, is a most welcome innovation. With it, the state radio has at long last graduated into the big league: 19 hours a day of classical — and not so "classical" — music, uninterrupted except by poetry and drama, and an occasional newscast.

There is, however, a fly in the ointment. The Voice of Music, partial heir to the First Programme, is only broadcast on FM. The assumption apparently was that lovers of music, who can hardly get a surfeit of it, either own FM sets or will now obtain them for their added pleasure, especially when they drive a car or stay outdoors.

This was a large assumption. The expense of an FM radio set may be rather less than that of a video, but it is not inconsiderable, for all that. A very large number of former listeners to the First Programme now feel cheated and deprived of an essential service. They include not only car drivers but also farmers out in the field, soldiers in border outposts, and more than a few Knesset Members.

Rather than advise this large audience to go out and buy their FM sets, let Kol Yisrael find a way to broadcast the Voice of Music on AM as well.

TOUR GUIDES

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have not been invited, fear that the government will again sell out their interests.

Yosef Grau, chairman of the Tour Guides Association, last night told *The Jerusalem Post* that if he is not allowed to attend the meeting, his members will feel free to stop groups of pilgrims without guides, "whenever or wherever we see fit, at the Israel Museum, or at Caesarea."

"I controlled 2,000 guides for two years on the understanding that the problem would be solved," he said. The situation, he said, was the result of an "ugly economic game," played by Catholic travel agencies.

Msgr. Richard Mathes, director of the Notre Dame Centre, told *The Post* that the problem is "delicate" and that he does not want to comment on it before Friday's meeting. But he added that he has ascertained that bus companies are unwilling to send groups with buses to

religious sites without licensed guides.

He also said that some guides had informed agents abroad that they had received certificates enabling them to lead pilgrimages, thus arousing the wrath of spiritual leaders.

STRIFE

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day in a small arms attack on a patrol in the Shouf Mountains.

Wafa said the attack was carried out by the "Lebanese National Resistance Front," a term apparently referring to leftist Lebanese groups, including Druze fighters, previously allied to the PLO.

Asked if Palestinians are fighting with the Druze, Lifkin said he has no proof of this, but added he had been told that two Palestinians were among a number of persons killed during fighting in the Shouf four days ago. (AP, Reuters)

Rolling back socialism

By LESLIE DOWD / London

PRIME MINISTER Margaret Thatcher is bent on rolling back socialism and creating a new conservative dynasty in Britain if she wins a second five-year term in power.

The 57-year-old shopkeeper's daughter, proud to be dubbed the "Iron Lady" by the Soviet Union, has already stamped herself as the most dominant Conservative figure on the political landscape in Britain since wartime leader Winston Churchill.

Even before Thatcher this week called a general election for June 9, some 11 months before it was necessary, she and her aides were talking of not just one more term but two — to give her Conservative policies sufficient time to restore the nation to prosperity and self-reliance.

Political commentators say five to ten more years of Thatcher's Conservatism would bring about a profound change.

The Conservatives have already signalled that if they are returned to office, they will sell more state industries back to private enterprise, further curb the power of the trades unions, beef up the armed forces and strengthen the police.

Party thinkers are also working out ways to nurture the climate of attitudes and motivation that Thatcher wants, enshrined in her catalogue of Victorian 19th-century values — "jolly hard work, self-reliance, patriotism and cleanliness."

They range from encouraging the home-ownership and persuading women to give up work and stay home to a suggestion by Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe to train children to budget their pocket money.

Thatcher, elected in May 1979 as the first woman prime minister in Europe, regards her first four years in office as laying the foundations for a crusade against socialism.

"We have already done more to roll back the frontiers of socialism

than any previous Conservative government," she says. "We shall carry on in the direction in which we have been going."

She says she wants something the United States already has — a more enterprising, vigorous, successful society.

Commentator Paul Johnson, a fervent admirer, hopes she can end a century of decline in Britain as President de Gaulle did in France: "She has started very well and if she has another 10 years she may be able to do it," Johnson says.

If voters give her the green light, they can expect to see Thatcher take action in some key areas. Among them:

□ DEFENCE: She believes the recapture of the Falklands from Argentina last year marked an end to Britain's post-war decline.

She is committed to a "fortress Falklands" policy that will cost around \$4.5 billion by 1985 to protect the South Atlantic colony.

She is also committed to raise real defence spending by 3 per cent annually and to update Britain's submarine-launched nuclear deterrent with modern American Trident missiles.

□ LAW AND ORDER: Since 1979, an additional 10,000 police have been recruited and 20,000 riot helmets supplied following serious inner-city disturbances in the summer of 1981.

□ PRIVATIZATION: The Conservatives plan to sell off state-owned British Airways, the British Leyland car firm, shipyards and steelworks, the telephone system and a string of state firms like Rolls-Royce Aero Engines.

Since 1979, they have returned to the private sector aerospace, road freight, the government's North Sea oil stake, the Cable and Wireless world communications business, ports, and a string of firms including the computer manufacturer ICL.

□ HOME OWNERSHIP: One million more Britons own their own homes than in 1979 and the Conservatives plan to raise ownership from 51 to well over 60 per cent, selling another two million state-owned homes to tenants. Thatcher wants "everyone a property owner, everyone a capitalist."

□ INCOME TAX: The government failed to deliver a key 1979 election pledge to make substantial, all-round tax cuts but asserts this will be a major goal.

□ STATE SPENDING: Despite election promises to cut state spending, it has risen by 5 per cent since 1979, bringing a reprimand from Thatcher's admirer Milton Friedman, the father of monetarist economics.

The Conservatives blame civil servants and spend-happy local councils and say they will cut state spending, now 45 per cent of gross domestic product, to 41 per cent by 1985.

□ STATE BUREAUCRACY: Thatcher has trimmed the civil service substantially. It is now at its lowest level for 15 years. She has also launched a pervasive campaign against state waste.

□ TRADE UNIONS: Labour unions will be compelled to get members' backing in secret ballots for strikes and leadership elections.

Employment Minister Norman Tebbit, loathed by the left, has already made inroads into union power, banning pickets at plants not primarily involved in a dispute and opening union funds to some civil damages actions.

The Conservatives may also seek to ban strikes in essential services, such as water supply and ambulances.

□ WELFARE STATE: Privatization of medical services will be encouraged, and spending on health and welfare payments pegged. But

Dry Bones



Thatcher angrily denies left-wing charges that she plans to dismantle the welfare state and says it now has 5,000 more doctors and more nurses than when she took over.

□ THE PRIVATE SECTOR: Britons will be encouraged to start new businesses. Local councils have begun contracting refuse collection and similar services to private operators, and Thatcher has welcomed bus services competing with state rail.

□ EDUCATION: Education Minister Sir Keith Joseph is seeking practical ways of "putting the consumer in charge" of education, letting parents choose state schools and encouraging private schools.

The Conservatives are seeking to shift the emphasis in universities away from the arts to science and technology.

□ FAMILY: Thatcher's personal policy unit is developing ideas on

how to defend the traditional family and fight what conservatives see as moral pollution. Ideas include tax incentives to persuade women to stay at home.

□ CABINET: There is speculation that Thatcher would get rid of several ministers — she calls them "wets" — in her cabinet, like Foreign Secretary Francis Pym, Northern Ireland Secretary James Prior and Home Secretary William Whitelaw.

Those being touted for promotion within the cabinet include Conservative Party chairman Cecil Parkinson and Employment Secretary Tebbit.

Parkinson, who has loyally promoted Thatcher's ideals, is regarded in some party circles as a potential successor — way, way in the future.

"Mrs. Thatcher looks like being in the driving seat for a long time yet," insists one of the party faithful. (Reuters News Service)

The power of money

By LEO GABOW

AS A CONSEQUENCE, the Saudis have cancelled a number of projects, among them a \$344 million desalination plant to be built by a Japanese-South Korean consortium. And irony of ironies, the *Wall Street Journal* notes that the Saudis may cancel their \$8 billion purchase of AWACS.

It would logically seem that the West need no longer depend on the Saudis, and U.S. Middle East policy need no longer be dominated by Saudi demands.

But there have been no such "logical" consequences. The Reagan administration apparently continues to heed the demands of the Saudis as much as ever, and indeed seems to lean over backwards not to offend them.

SOME MONTHS before the oil glut, an economist suggested that oil was no longer — indeed, had not been for some time — the dominant weapon wielded by the Saudis. Their influence on U.S. policy now stemmed from an equally potent force, namely Saudi and other Arab investments in U.S. industry and banking circles. For, despite the oil glut and the disarray of OPEC, Arab influence remains intact.

It should therefore be of interest to examine some of these investments in order to view the depth of Arab penetration into the U.S. economy.

It should be noted at the outset that we can really see only the tip of the iceberg as Arab investments are

more often than not made through second and third parties. But journalist Joseph Polakoff has uncovered one instance of this behind-the-scenes penetration.

For example, how is it that Sheikh Kamal Adham of Saudi Arabia, Faisal Saud al-Fulaj of Kuwait and Abdullah Darwish of Abu Dhabi now control 12 banks in one portion of the eastern United States? The road to this control, as we shall note, was tortuous.

These 12 banks were originally controlled by a firm in Washington, D.C., called Financial General Bankshares, Inc. But a Virginia-based firm called FGB Holding Corporation acquired some three million shares of common stock in Financial General Bankshares, and a Dutch-based company called the Credit and Commerce American Investments B.V., purchased another 1.2 million shares. This gave these two companies a 62 per cent controlling interest in Financial General Bankshares.

Now here is the kicker: The Dutch firm turns out to be the sole owner of the American-based FGB Holding Corporation, and the Dutch firm is controlled by the three Arabs listed above, thus giving these three Arabs the controlling interest in the 12 American banks.

WHILE SAUDI ARABIA has considerably larger investments in the United States than Kuwait, some perspective may be achieved by inquiring into Kuwait's U.S. portfolio, recognizing that what is not known about Arab investments may indeed be greater than what is known.

In banking alone, Kuwait has known investments in some 15 banks, and among these are Bank of America, Chase Manhattan and Mellon National Corporation, in amounts totalling some \$75 million. While admittedly not large, the Kuwaitis are frequently in positions of exercising a swing vote.

But Kuwait's investments in energy are heavier. They have two million shares of Atlantic Richfield, more than 1.2 million shares of Phillips Petroleum, and more than one million shares of Conoco. They have huge investments in Mobil, Pennzoil and Standard Oil of California. In energy alone, the Kuwaitis own shares worth more than \$500 million.

They have spent some \$100 million buying up 1.8 million shares of American Telephone and Telegraph. Their investments in U.S. utilities total more than \$200 million.

The Kuwaitis are in everything from Goodyear Tire and Rubber and Firestone Tire and Rubber to retail department stores. They are in chemicals, pharmaceuticals, electronics, food-beverages, tobacco, information processing, transportation, metals and mutual funds. Their total investments run into the billions.

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SINCE THE END of the 1973 Yom Kippur War, the Arabs have silently invaded the U.S. economy, and there is little knowledge of their take-overs. Harrison V. Smith, executive vice president of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company, appearing before a Senate sub-committee, said that Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Abu Dhabi invested "\$2.2 billion through their firm in U.S. airlines and air-freight industries."

The Arabs have hired large public relations firms to laud their activities and to favourably project their political positions. Ex-congressmen and senators are appointed to boards of directors of Arab-controlled firms. They are chosen for their continued access to the seats of governmental power.

If the Saudis and OPEC continue to influence U.S. foreign policy, and it certainly appears that they do, we may conclude that the influence stems from within as much as from without.

AS FAR BACK as 1977, the Arabs recognized the power derived from within. They had a deep hatred for the then senator from Idaho, Frank Church, who was a formidable opponent of OPEC and insisted that the U.S. free itself from dependency. He insisted on full disclosure of Arab investments, something that no administration

was prepared to do. The Arabs moved into Idaho in late 1977. First Kuwait bought control of the Idaho Harding Livestock and Land Company, Idaho's largest. The Saudis then invested in other areas.

The Arabs sent a trade delegation to Idaho promising businessmen kinds of deals if they would only rid of the hated Frank Church. They offered to donate large amounts of money to the University of Idaho's agricultural school, and they offered to buy up all of Idaho's surplus corn and soybeans.

Senator Frank Church was running for re-election against the Arabs. A new candidate, well-financed, entered the field against Church. He was arch-conservative Steven Symms who told the Idaho press that the Libyans were not all that bad, and that Gaddafi was really a true friend of the United States.

A campaign of vilification, vigorously supported, for reasons of its own, by the Moral Majority, was levelled against Frank Church, who lost the election; Israel, in the process, lost one of its most indomitable supporters.

According to one State Department official, the Arabs made an "end-run around the federal government in order to establish a beach-head in Idaho."

Before we become too sanguine over the oil glut and OPEC's decreasing revenues, we should be aware of other cards up the Arab sleeve. Their penetration into the U.S. economy has provided them with leverage sufficient to offset their losses.

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